

Introit



A Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sus- | tain you;*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

C Give ear to my prayer, | O God,*
and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it;*
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I
could | hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my | equal,*
my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.

We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether;*
within God’s house we walked | in the throng.

But I | call to God,*
and the Lord will | save me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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(Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22)

Collect of the Day

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament – Jeremiah 23:16–29

Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
¹⁹Behold, the storm of the Lord!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
²⁰The anger of the Lord will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.
²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.
²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.
²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off?
²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him?
declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵I
have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name,
saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies
in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the
deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my
name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers
forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the
dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has
straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like
fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

Gradual

A Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

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Epistle – Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

The Holy Gospel – Luke 12:49–56

[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”



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The Divine Service of Holy Communion

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Welcome in the Name of Jesus!

Today, as we gather in the Lord’s House, we are united with all the saints—both visible and invisible—around the throne of the Lamb. Here, the Triune God serves us through His appointed Means of Grace: the preaching of His Word and the administration of His Holy Sacraments. These are not optional extras—they are the very heart of the Christian life and the Church itself. Apart from these Means of Grace there are no Christians and there is no Church! In the Divine Service, God takes center stage, delivering His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is God’s Service to His people. This sacred gathering finds its high point in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, where Christ Himself feeds us with His body and blood.

Dear Visitors and Friends: As the first Christians devoted themselves to the Lord’s Supper, they also devoted themselves to the Apostles’ Doctrine (Acts 2:42). The two went hand in hand. As we devote ourselves to the Lord’s Supper today, we also want to be faithful to the Apostles’ Doctrine

For this reason, the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of “Closed Communion.” **If you desire to receive the Lord’s Supper and are not a communicant member of Divine Shepherd, or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning.** We do invite those who are not a member of the LCMS to come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, as you kneel at the altar, please cross your arms so that your right hand is on your left shoulder and left hand is on your right shoulder. God bless you for Your understanding.