Take a moment to notice the \* at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The \* indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

When life seems oppressive and burdens weigh us down, it is easy to feel alone, unloved and defeated. As the Lord of Life gives us His body and blood in the Lord's Supper, however, we are reminded that we are not alone, that we are deeply loved, and that in Christ we have the victory! For Scriptural reasons, we practice close communion. If you do not belong to a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we invite you to join our communion fellowship. For details, please speak or make an appointment with Pastor Kane through the church office (319) 235-6705..

# Septuagesima (70 days to Easter)

# Grace Alone

January 28, 2024

**AS WE GATHER:** The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1-7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the Wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1-16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first---those who rely on their own merits—will be last. "For they were overthrown in the wilderness" (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24-10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

### \*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: O Lord,

People:

graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### Divine Service IV

**Announcements** 

Opening Hymn: LSB 824

"May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

**Confession and Absolution:** LSB 203

#### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

\*Kyrie & Gloria Excelsis LSB 204

**\*Salutation:** LSB 205

\*Collect of the Day: (Printed)

Catechism Review

Catechism Recitation Question #33

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible Page 114

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

Pew Bible Page 1782

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Pew Bible Page 1529

\*Nicene Creed: LSB 206
Sermon Hymn: LSB 566

"By Grace I'm Saved"

Sermon

Offertory LSB 955

\*Prayer of the Church

\*Lord's Prayer LSB 209
\*Benediction LSB 212

This concludes the service for online viewing

## \*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 208ff

**Distribution Hymns:** 

"O Living Bread from Heaven" LSB 642 "Onward, Christian Soldiers" LSB 662

\*Nunc Dimittis: LSB 211

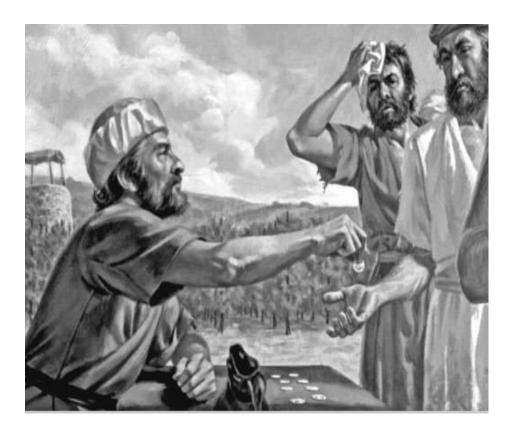
\*Post-Communion Collect: LSB 212

\*Benediction: LSB 212

Closing Hymn: LSB 918

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women- Please pray for a woman and her husband as they face financial difficulties. Recent decisions have put them in a place of need for the short term. Please pray they will get back on their feet soon! a woman please pray that she will find housing soon, that she will stay focused on God, and that she will be safe. a woman please pray over her life, that she will do the right thing. a woman please pray for her daughter adjusting to life after spending 2 years in prison. Please pray she will find healthy friends, a job, and a church. a woman please pray for her health as her hip bone is deteriorating to the point that she can not walk. Please pray for her well being, and that will have peace in all of this struggle. a woman please pray over the many strongholds she has in her life right now. a woman please pray for motivation, strength, and guidance. For men- For a man please pray that his back pain will be resolved soon, and he can live with less pain. a man please pray over his life, and his circumstances. a man please pray that he will find a job soon, and will be working full time. a man please pray that in his retirement he stays busy volunteering at his church and other places. Please also pray for his well-being. a man please pray as he mourns the death of his wife of 23 years. Please pray for his health, and his finances.



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