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Divine Service, Setting One

As We Gather

What was so different in one leper's life in today's Gospel? All ten hoped they could be cured, but only he believed in Jesus personally. He lived out that faith in his thanksgiving, and he heard Jesus tell him, "Your faith has made you well" (Luke 17:19). In the Old Testament Reading, faith moved Ruth to decide to stay with Naomi and to announce, "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16). What a change in her life, including becoming Jesus' ancestor! In the Epistle, Paul encourages Timothy to live out his faith even amid opposition. Today, God's Word asks us to review the faith the Holy Spirit has given us. How shall we live out that faith? In churchly words and music, in caring for people around us, in using our unique gifts to God's glory? The day is open for lively faith.

754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens



5 O blessèd heir of heaven, You'll hear the song resound Of endless jubilation When you with life are crowned. In your right hand your maker Will place the victor's palm, And you will thank Him gladly With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; With joy our spirits bless Until we see the ending Of all our life's distress. And so throughout our lifetime Keep us within Your care And at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

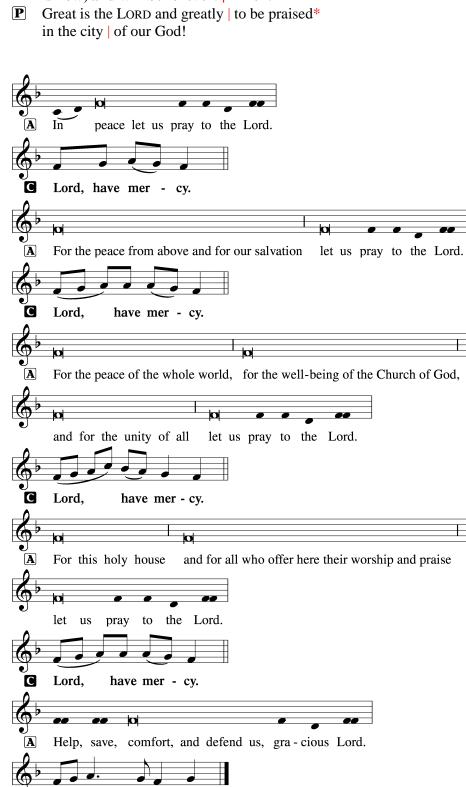
Introit

Psalm 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a

- P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised* in the city of our God!
- My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;* let the humble hear | and be glad.
- P Oh, magnify the LORD with me,* and let us exalt his name to- gether!
- I sought the LORD, and he | answered me* and delivered me from all my fears.
- When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears* \mathbf{P} and delivers them out of all their | troubles.

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.

Kyrie



men.

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Gloria in Excelsis LSB 154



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1-19a

R The Old Testament Reading is from Ruth, chapter 1.

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 2 Timothy 2:1–13

R The Epistle is from 2 Timothy, chapter 2.

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



P 11On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 14When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old



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Sermon Unclean Outcasts

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Faithful Lord, by Your Holy Spirit teach us constantly to pray, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us," and to trust that You have cleansed us by His blood. Grant that we, like the former leper, would raise our voices of praise in joyful response to Your loving care. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- P God of all truth, have mercy upon those whom You have called to proclaim Your Holy Gospel. Preserve them from useless entanglements, fortify them in faithfulness when they must suffer, and remind them always that Your Word is not bound. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P God of hope, if we are faithless, You remain faithful, for You cannot deny Yourself. Remember those You baptized who have departed from the faith. Grant them penitent hearts, that they might obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, Your servant Ruth faithfully cared for Naomi in her solitude and later years. Bless all adult children with wisdom and compassion as they care for their aging parents, and give their parents a humble spirit to accept needed assistance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Mighty Savior, bring to an end all war and violence. Guide and protect those who defend us against our enemies, those who preserve order against the threat of terror, and those who sit in judgment over evildoers, that justice and peace may prevail and we may all work together for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
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- Merciful Lord, grant that we may with grateful hearts receive all these things, according to Your merciful will. Lead us to respond with voices of praise and thanksgiving and lives of holiness and righteousness, displaying in outward form the faith that lives in our hearts. Give us faith that works in love, hope that does not disappoint, compassion that does not fail, and confidence in Your mercy that does not waver, that we may live in Your faith and fear all our days and at length fall asleep in the arms of Your mercy and in everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Sit

Offering

683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me sts. 1–2

LSB 159

Stand



LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Collect

- Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

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Announcements

Adult Sunday School has begun studying "How we got the Bible" at 9am on Sunday mornings.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory for the Clark's anniversary and Emily's birthday.

The **Ladies Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at **10am**. They are studying the Book of Deuteronomy.

Church Council next meeting is Oct 9 at 8am.

October has a **Fifth Sunday!** Get your hymn ideas to Pastor Huston by the 23rd.

Circuit Reformation Celebration is **Oct 30** at **4pm** at Bethel Lutheran Church, 11211 E Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75238 with potluck dinner afterwards.

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