



“...they complained against the landowner, saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? ”

**St. Matthew 20:11-16**

# SEPTUAGESIMA



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**WELCOME** to all of you and a very special welcome to those of you who may be visiting us for the first time, and especially those who may be new among us. The Lord be with you and we hope that you will return soon!

**✚ THIS DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH ✚**



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. (Mt 20:1–16) They charged him with being unfair. But in fact he was not being unfair but generous. 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. “Their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.” 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. Therefore, “Let him who glories, glory in the Lord.” (Jer 9:23–24)

**✚ THIS SEASON IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH ✚**

**Pre-Lent** is a transition, a prelude, between Epiphany and Lent. This short three week period is, so to say, the narthex in which we Christians pause for three Sundays before we begin our spiritual pilgrimage to Calvary in the great 40 days of Lent. Pre-Lent comprises Septuagesima (70), Sexagesima (60), and Quinquagesima (50). These number names do not designate exact periods of time until Easter but are rather to be considered only as general markers along the journey.

The Gospel readings of Pre-Lent accent the three “solos” of the Reformation, providing a short-course on what makes contrition and repentance a compelling time for Christians: Grace Alone! (Septuagesima), the Word Alone! (Sexagesima), and Christ Alone! (Quinquagesima).

The liturgical color is green and the Alleluias and the Gloria in Excelsis are sung in order to help distinguish Pre-Lent from Lent.

**✚ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP ✚**

**Prepare** to receive the Lord’s Supper by reviewing “Christian Questions and their Answers” beginning on p.329 in the forepart of Lutheran Service Book.

**Reflect** on the words of Psalm 95, found in the forepart of Lutheran Service Book.

**Ponder** on the following words of today’s Office Hymn, #555, “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

**✚ ON RECEIVING THE LORD’S SUPPER ✚**

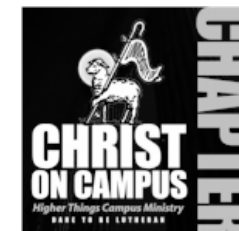


In addition to receiving Christ’s gift of forgiveness and His true Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Altar, all those who commune at our altar also make a confession of the faith as we believe and teach as a congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, thereby witnessing to our doctrinal unity in the Christian faith.

For this reason, and in the interest of faithful pastoral care for all in attendance, if you are not a member of this congregation, have not communed here previously, and have not yet spoken to our pastor, please refrain from coming forward to the altar. Speaking to our pastor prior to communing even if you are a member of another LCMS congregation, is greatly appreciated. Thank you for honoring our practice.

If you desire to learn more about these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning how to become a member of this church, we invite you to arrange for a time to visit with our pastor. Please also take a copy of the pamphlet “This is the Feast” which is found in the pew pad folios and in the narthex.

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*Please insert this tab in the back of Lutheran Service Book. This will allow you to more easily follow the Divine Service this morning. The insert can then be used to mark your place in the liturgy.*

**Divine Service IV (p.203)**

- Hymn of Invocation #571
- Invocation (p.203)
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- Old Testament
- Psalmody (insert)
- Epistle
- The Verse (insert)
- Holy Gospel
- Apostles’ Creed (p.207)
- Hymn of the Day #555
- Sermon
- Prayer of the Church
- Offering  
*(Please sign attendance register & note our communion statement)*
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- Dismissal Hymn #563

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