

The Order of Vespers

for the Festival of St. Luke (October 18)
Wednesday, October 20, 2021

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The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 41

Hymn

TLH #251 – We All Believe in One True God (second tune)

Stand

Versicles and Responses

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The Psalmody

Psalm 57

The verses are spoken antiphonally between the Pastor and Congregation.

P (Antiphon) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; your glory above
all the earth.

¹ Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me,
for my soul takes refuge in you.

In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
until these calamities have passed.

² I will call out to God the Most High,
to God, who puts an end to my troubles.

³ He shall send from heaven and save me; he shall give over to
reproach the one who would crush me.
God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

⁴ My soul is among lions; there I lie.
The children of man are enflamed.

Their teeth are spears and arrows,
and their tongue a sharp sword.

⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
your glory above all the earth.

⁶ They prepared a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down.
**They dug a pit before me, but they themselves have fallen
into it.**

⁷ My heart is firm, O God, my heart is firm.
I will sing a song of praise.

⁸ Awake, my glory! Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.

⁹ I will praise you, O Lord, among the people;
I will sing to you among the nations.

¹⁰ For your mercy is great; it reaches up to the heavens,
and your truth up to the clouds.

¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
your glory above all the earth.

Glory | be to the Father, and to | the Son, *
and to the Holy | Ghost;
as it | was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, *
world without end. A- | men.

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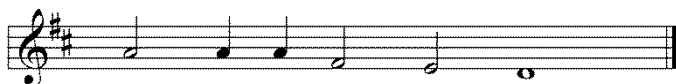
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First Lesson

2 Timothy 4:5-15

After each Lesson:

P But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



☐ Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

Second Lesson

Luke 10:1-9

Hymn

TLH #224 - Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

The Sermon

Stand

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THE THIRD ARTICLE: SANCTIFICATION

I believe in the Holy Spirit; a holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers, and on the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

St. Luke, “the beloved physician” (Col. 4:14), is the author of the third Gospel. The Gospel according to St. Luke is known for its orderly presentation (1:1), for the details it provides surrounding the birth of Christ (Luke 1-2), for its special emphasis on Jesus as the One who came to save the lost (Luke 15, 19:10), and for uniquely relating several of Jesus’ encounters with non-Jews—further evidence that Luke himself was likely a Gentile Christian. His Gospel is addressed to Theophilus, tying it directly to the book of Acts, also addressed to Theophilus, and thus identifying Luke as the author also of that book. The “we” sections in Acts indicate that the author accompanied St. Paul in many stages of his missionary journeys, beginning in Troas (Acts 16:8-10). St. Luke was there with St. Paul during his first imprisonment in Rome, where the book of Acts ends, and was the only faithful disciple to stay with the Apostle Paul during his second Roman imprisonment (2 Tim. 4:11). Thus both the Gospel of Luke and Acts were written under direct apostolic supervision, for which reason their authenticity has never been seriously questioned.