

Service Insert

for Septuagesima ("70th" Day before Easter)

February 1, 2026

INTROIT *(after The Confession of Sins)*

Psalm 18:5-6; Psalm 18:1b-2a

- P** *(Antiphon)* THE cords of the grave | coiled around — me; *
The snares of death | con- -front- -ed me.
In my distress I called | upon the — Lord, *
He heard my voice | from — His — temple.



- C** I will love You, | O Lord, my — strength. *
The Lord is my rock | and — my — fortress.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spirit; as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

- P** *(Antiphon)*

THE GRADUAL & TRACT *(after the Epistle)*

Ps. 9:9-10, 18-19a; Ps. 130:1-4

- P** The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in | times of trou- -ble. *
And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken | those — who — seek You.
- C** For the needy shall not always | be forgot- -ten; *
The expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O Lord, do not | let — man — prevail.

- P** Out of the depths I have cried | to You, O — Lord; *
Lord, | hear — my — voice! —

- C** Let Your ears | be atten- -tive *
To the voice of my | sup- -pli- -cations.

- P** If You, Lord, should mark | iniqui- -ties, *
O | Lord, — who — could stand?

- C** But there is for- | giveness with — You, *
That | You — may — be feared.

HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

TLH #380 - Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

HYMN *(after the Creed)*

TLH #377 – Salvation Unto Us (st. 1-5)

HYMN *(after General Prayer)*

TLH #377 – Salvation Unto Us (st. 6-10)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

TLH #305 - Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 9:24 - 10:5* **Gospel:** *Matthew 20:1-16*

from the Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration, Art. XI

The following issue also belongs to the further explanation and saving use of the teaching about God's foreknowledge to salvation: Only the elect, whose names are written in the book of life, are saved. Therefore, how can we know, or why and how can we perceive who the elect are and who can and should receive this teaching for comfort?

In this matter we should not judge according to our reason, or according to the Law or from any outward appearance. Neither should we attempt to investigate the secret, concealed depth of divine predestination. Instead, we should listen to God's revealed will. For He has made "known to us the mystery of His will" (Ephesians 1:9) and made it clear through Christ so that it might be preached (2 Timothy 1:9).

This is revealed to us in the way Paul says "those whom He predestined [elected and foreordained] He also called" (Romans 8:30). God does not call without means, but through the Word. For He has commanded "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name." St. Paul also testifies in a similar way when he writes, "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). The King calls the guests that He wants to have at His Son's wedding through the ministers He sends out (Matthew 22:2-14). He sends some at the first and some at the second, third, sixth, ninth, and even at the eleventh hour (Matthew 20:3-6).

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Feb. 3 Kathie N.

Feb. 7 Amy R.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

Wed., Feb. 4 - Vespers, 6:30 PM

Sun., Feb. 8 - Bible Class, 9 AM; Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Sexagesima)