

Septuagesima

Sunday, January 31, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL
1861-2021 - Zum Kripplein Christi - 160 years

Rev. Marcus Manley

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Ushers: Justin Durbin, Mark Durbin, Steve Flood, Jason Koester

Ringing of Bells

Prelude LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN - Nicholaus Herman, 1480-1561
(The People That in Darkness Sat)

✠ DIVINE SERVICE III ✠

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Please stand and face the processional as it enters the sanctuary during the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn #412 *The People That in Darkness Sat*

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Introit for Septuagesima

Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a (respond with the words in **bold**)

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*

the snares of death con- | fronted me.

In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*

From his temple he | heard my voice.

I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.

For you save a humble | people,*

but the haughty eyes | you bring down.

[You have] equipped | me with strength*

and made my way | blameless.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,*

and sing | to your name.

The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*

the snares of death con- | fronted me.

In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*

From his temple he | heard my voice.

♪ The Gloria Patri

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♪ Salutation

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Collect for Septuagesima

P: Let us pray: O Lord, 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. **C: ♪ Amen**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The “alleluias” are omitted during “Gesima” Sundays and Lent.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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Please be seated

Hymn #555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

v. 1-4 – congregation

v. 8 – men

v. 5 – men

v. 9 – women

v. 6 – women

v. 10 – congregation

v. 7 – congregation

Sermon Text: Matthew 20:1-16

Title: “*You Stay Classy Saints*”

Outline: **WE PRAY FOR GOD’S GOOD AND GRACIOUS LABOR
TO BE DONE AMONG US ALSO.**

- I. God, whose is good and gracious, is the greatest laborer [vv. 1-15].
- II. If you are first labor to those who are last [v. 16].

Please stand

Offertory

Offering (*Offering plates will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, you may place your gifts in the offering plates as you exit the building.*)

Offering Hymn #781 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Church *Response after each prayer petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Holy Word You have called us into Your vineyard. Send, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may labor faithfully in Your vineyard, shun sin and all offense, obediently keep Your Word and do Your will, and put our whole and only trust in Your grace, which You have bestowed upon us so abundantly; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: **Amen.**

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

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Please be seated

Distribution

#618 *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

#566 *By Grace I’m Saved*

#684 *Come unto Me, Ye Weary*

Please stand

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn #698 *May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*

♪ Closing Prayer

Postlude