

Faun Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Worship 9:30 am

Sunday School & Bible Classes 11:00 am

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People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God

Luke 13:29

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THE PURPOSE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

In the power, guidance, and strength of the Holy Spirit, we seek God's presence in worship to open our hearts and minds that He may be glorified and we may be empowered to love and serve all people, that souls may be won for Jesus Christ.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019

Prayer upon Entering Church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. *Amen.* +

Guests: We welcome you in the name of our Savior and invite you to worship with us regularly. If you do not have a church home, why not make ours yours? If you have a spiritual concern, or would like to know more about our church, please consult with Pastor Winterstein.

Holy Communion: The practice of the Lutheran church is to receive Holy Communion with members of churches with whom we are in fellowship. If you are not a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, The Lutheran Church-Canada, or The American Association of Lutheran Churches, please speak to the pastor before communing. If you have not been baptized and instructed in what we teach and confess, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. The individual cups in the middle of the trays contain grape juice with a minimal amount of wine in them. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the Sacrament of the Altar here at Faith, please speak to Pr. Winterstein.

Parish Nurse: Carol Trunzo is available by appointment at 509 393-9938 or cat121551@gmail.com.

Nursery: We encourage all children to be in worship, but, at times, for you and those around you, you may consider using our nursery for your children age 3 and younger. We have helpers for our nursery so that you are able to stay and worship.

Prayer Requests: We encourage everyone to fill out the prayer cards located in the pew racks for any prayer request that you may have. Please hand the cards to the ushers at the time of the offering.

The Rite of Friendship: There is a red vinyl pad on the aisle side of the pew. During the offering please record your **first and last name** and, if you are a guest, please put your **mailing address**. This information helps us with ministering to the needs of guests and members. Members, please record address and phone number changes, as well as your current email address, if you would like to receive a weekly update from the church.

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Prelude

Children's Sermon

Hvmn of Invocation: Today Dour Mercy Calls Us LSB 915 calls 1 To - day Your mer - cy To wash a - way our us sin. 2 To - day Your gate is And all who en - ter in o - pen, 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits: all - em - brac - ing 4 O Mer - cy, 0 ev - er - o - pen Door, How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been. Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin. A - round the heav'n-ly gates. bless - ed an - gels gath - er His What should we do with - out You When heart and eve run o'er? long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, How - ev - er The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, How will be asked of - ten No ques - tion us we have come: When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair, Your pre-cious blood can wash And make us clean to - day. us fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A Α glo-rious crown in heav'n. Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It Fa - ther's home. is our We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer. Text and tune: Public domain

At each +, one may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their Baptism. At each \diamond one may bow in reverence.

Invocation

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Image P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

• Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +↓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18

Splendor and majesty are before him;

we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Splendor and majesty are before him;

we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Kyrie Mark 10:47 **C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cv. Gloria in Excelsis Luke 2:14 John 1:29 C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth; 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord. Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth! Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. 0 For - ev - er and for - ev - er. Be wor-shiped and a - dored; bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we We praise and singus, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt Have mer - cy on cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High, Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high-God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re - ply. In

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray.
 O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Final Judgment and Glory of the Lord

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

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Isaiah 66:18-23

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

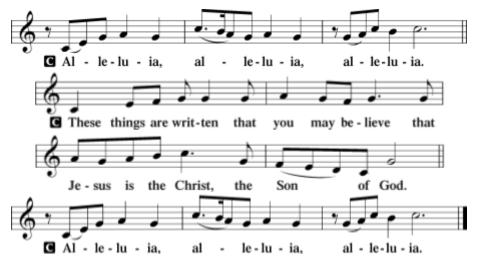
A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

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

Stand

Hebrews 12:4-24

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

The Narrow Door

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

С

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord **&** Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven * and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is \diamond worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

1 A tude comes from the east and mul the west ti -20 God. hear when our Shep - herd shall call let us 3 All tri - als shall be like а dream that is past, 4 The heav - ens shall ring with an - them more grand an t e То sit at the feast of sal tion va In ac - cents sive and der, per _ sua ten -For - got - ten all trou ble and ing. mourn Than ev on earth was re cord eđ. er _ With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest, That while there haste, is time we make one and all, All ques - tions doubts have last, and been an - swered at The **b**lest of Lord shall ceive His the re at hand . . ing the Lord's tion. O - bey vi in ta And find Him, our might _ у de _ fend er. When ris the of that light morn es ing. The crown the eð. vic ward to tors а Have mer 0 Je sus! cy up on us, -_ -0 Je Have mer cy up on us, sus! Je Have mer 0 us, sus! cy up on _ -Have mer -0 Je sus! cy up on us, _

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P

Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

C Hear

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Service of the Sacrament

Stand

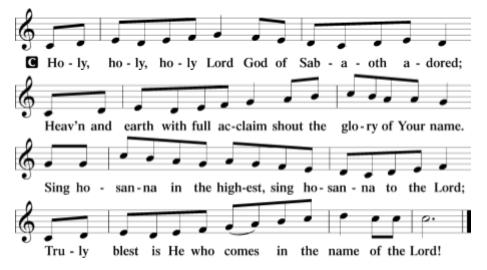
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22 Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- **P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3 Matthew 21:9



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

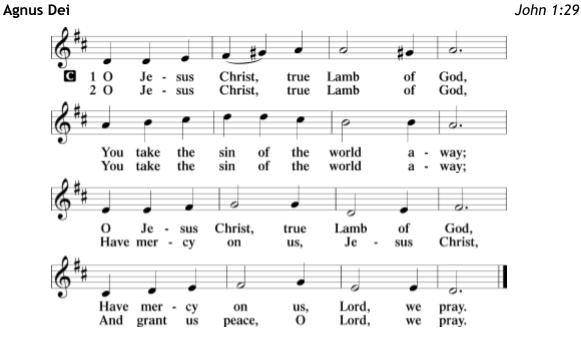
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⊥ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Sit

Distribution

Prayer before receiving Christ's Body and Blood: Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word and I shall be healed. [For further preparation, you may want to consider Luther's Christian Questions with their Answers on pp. 329-330 of Lutheran Service Book.]

Prayer after receiving Christ's Body and Blood: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Distribution Hymn: Wide Open Stand the Gates

1 Wide o stand the dorned with While pen gates pearl. a -Word the "This 2 He speaks the bread and wine bless: to 3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in My blood!" He bids flesh and eat and is us saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose 0 50 cir - cles end - less curl. And joy - ous praise the Son! thank - ful - ness gift drink with This of ho - ly food. face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal. They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth. hu - man thought must fal - ter- Our God stoops low to heal, All This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty, The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth! the al tar, For us both host and meal! Now pres - ent on -Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

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Distribution Hymn: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise



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Distribution Hymn: you Satisfy the Hungry Heart



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Distribution Hymn: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our faith con - fess-ing, true 1 2 With praise God and thanks - giv - ing То ev - er - liv - ing, 6 God from His dwell - ing The peo ple of take leave. The tasks ev - 'ry - day life of our we will face. The Sup - per is end - ed. 0 now be ex tend - ed Our shar - ing, In faith ev - er love ev - er car - ing, The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve. His chil - dren of tribe Em - brac ing each and race. The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, With Your feast You feed With Your light now lead us; us, Shall blos - som God in ac - tion for and for all. U - nite us as one in this life that we share. His grace did in vite us, His love shall u nite us -Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing To work for God's king - dom and His call. an - swer Give hon -Christ and His name that bear. or to we

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Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

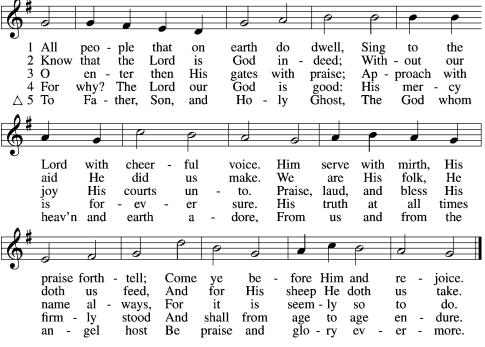
- C Amen.

Sit

Announcements

Stand

Hymn to Depart: All People That on Earth Do Dwell



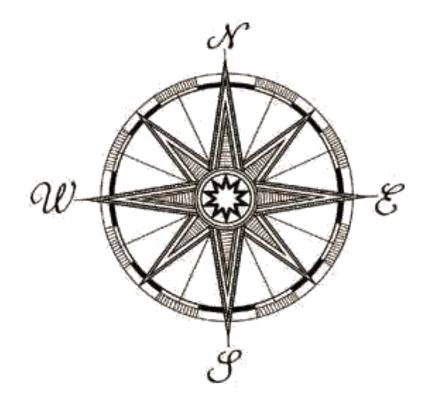
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P Go in the peace of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us for fellowship, coffee and cookies in the Fellowship Hall after the service.



Prayers

Missionaries: Rev. John & Sue Mehl, Danelle Putman, Loraine Rathman, Mark & Becky Schoepp, Faith Lutheran Preschool staff

Our Synod's Leaders: Dr. Matthew Harrison, Rev. Paul Linneman

Prayers for Our Nation: Our President, our Congress, our Governor and Legislators

Our Military: Afghanistan: Jackson Nystrom; Germany: Jonathan Janos; Kuwait: Levi Barger; Stateside: Dakoda Aldrich, Jonas Balloga, James Beedie, Robert Haight, Thomas & Monica Heuer, Zach Manyrath, Elizabeth Martin, Tim McCamey, Dylan Mitchell, Nick Neely, Mark Pappal, Joseph Reese, Luke Sukow

Prayers for Comfort:

Prayers for Continued Healing: Karen Bailey, Shad Bailey, Larry Barger, Keegan Beckman, Al Berg, Malakiah Blackwell, Daryle Booth, Walt Brunner, Ted Conrad, Laura Cornwall's daughter, Jacob and Mellissa Crosby, Pam Dais, Bob Donnell, Ray Ericksen, Doug Fischer, Gary Fischer, Pita Gonzalez, Steve & Jenny Hancock, Chad Hoffman, Ashlee Johnson and children, Linda Johnson, Janie Kester, Jennifer Lauer, Joe Ludeman, Bob Koenig, Nick Leishman, Paul Lichtenberg, Genevieve Marrapodi, Donaji Maydole, Jo Maydole, Maxine Melcher, Perci Owens, Don Rosentrater, Leslie Simpson, Diana Snell, Stephanie Taylor, Karen Turnipseed, Ernie Vipond, Dwayne Visser, Tim Visser

Prayers for Shut-Ins: Joy Deich, Elsie Dobrowolski, Dorothy Haight, Tom Oelke, Harriet Robinson, Wes & Judy Visser

General Prayers: For those seeking employment and/or experiencing hardship in these difficult times, and for the preschool children

Prayers for Marriages and Families:

Prayers for Safe Travel and Spiritual Growth:

Expectant Mothers:

Announcements

Voters Meeting: A Special Voters Meeting is scheduled for September 8 at 12:00 noon for the purpose of election of elders and officers for Faith Lutheran Church. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Talk to Perci Owens with any questions.

Birthday Party: Please join us for Fellowship Time today to celebrate the upcoming 100th birthday of Charlie Means! Cake and ice cream will be provided!

Movie Night: Let's get excited about coming together again for Sunday School! You are invited to a Movie Night September 6 at 7:30 pm. Bring chairs and a blanket to snuggle up with. Concessions will be available. Email with any questions twlookingout@gmail.com.

Workshops: New Workshops in the Word (September 14) and Inquiry class (September 12) coming soon!

Prayer Request: Robbie Haight, the grandson of Pastor Elmer and Dorothy Haight, began Army Chaplain Training Program on August 19. Notes of encouragement may be sent to Robert Haight, 5106 Verdome Lane, Houston, TX 77092.

Thank You: Thank you to the congregation for your continued prayers as Tim Visser remains in the hospital following his heart attack. He is in stable condition. Dwayne and Stella Visser

Prayer for Life: "Upholding and defending the sanctity of each human life... at Church of the Nazarene, 1011 S. Miller St., Wenatchee. We will meet to pray for life Tuesday, September 3, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please invite your friends to join us to pray for the Lord to restore to the church, to our nation, and to the world the understanding that human life is created in the sacred image of God. Thank you and God bless you all, Norm & Cheryl Armstrong ncarm66@gmail.com Pastor Gene Helsel ghelsel58@gmail.com

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Sunday 25 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Service Charlie Mean's 100 th Birthday party	9:30 am 10:45 am
	Adult Bible Study	11:00 am
Monday 26	SAIL Exercise Class	10:30 am
Tuesday 27	Matins	8:30 am
Wednesday 28	Matins SAIL Exercise Class	8:30 am 10:30 am
Thursday 29	Matins	8:30 am
Friday 30	SAIL Exercise Class	10:30 am
Saturday 31		
Sunday 1 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost		

	Today	Next Sunday		
Ushers	Byron Lee Stan Delzer	Tom Watson Jesse Erdmann		
Organist	Laura Cornwall Susan Rumble			
Altar Care	Betty Marth & Peggy Christensen			
Chancel Flowers	Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Melonee Kane in celebration of the birthday of her father Larry Fletcher; and by Cindy Watkins in celebration of the 100 th birthday of her father Charlie Means			
Offerings \$ Last Week:	2,300 Offerings This \$12,17. Month:	5 Attendance 72 Last Week: 72		

Pentecost



About the Cover

North, south, east, and west, Christ's work on the cross is not restricted to one people or group but is for all people. His atoning sacrifice stretches out across the globe. So His Word is aimed to every corner of the planet, as "[God] desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Christ has united, unites today, and will unite people of every tribe, nation, and race around Him.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 66:18–23

18"For I know their works and their thoughts. and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, 19and 1 will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. 20And they shall bring all vour brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lorp, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lorn. 21And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

- ²² "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make
 - shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.
- ²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Long."

Epistle: Hebrews 12:4-24

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

- "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
- nor be weary when reproved by him.
- ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

7It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 81f you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. 12Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

18For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. 20For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." 22But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

22[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem, 23And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, 24"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' 26Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' 27But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' 281n that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. 29And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. 30And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."