

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2022**

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.

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**Zacchaeus  
demonstrates  
the reality of  
his rescue**

**Luke 19**

Hymn of Invocation. **Bless the Lord, My Soul** 814

+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. +

**INTROIT PSALM 50**

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glo- | rifies me;\* to one who orders  
his way rightly I will show the salva- | tion of God! The Mighty One, God the LORD,  
speaks and sum- | mons the earth\* from the rising of the sun to its | setting. Out of  
Zion, the perfection of | beauty,\* God | shines forth. Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks-  
| giving,\* and perform your vows to the | Most High, and call upon me in the day of |  
trouble;\* I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me. Glory to the Father and | to the  
Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. |  
Amen. The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glo- | rifies me;\* to one who  
orders his way rightly I will show the salva- | tion of God!

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

***O Lord, stir up the hearts of Your faithful people to welcome and joyfully receive Your  
Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that He may find in us a fit dwelling place; who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.***

**PSALM HYMN CONSOLATION PSALM 130**

*In deep despair I cry to you—Lord, hear my voice, my prayer.  
If you should mark iniquities, who would then guiltless stand?  
But Lord, with you forgiveness dwells and love beyond compare.*

*The soundless whisper of your voice, your hovering presence near,  
For these my longing spirit waits as for the morning clear;  
As those who watch throughout the night till morning shall appear.*

*Because your love is steadfast, Lord, on you our hope relies;  
You will redeem your Israel from all iniquities  
And turn to songs of thanks and praise our sorrow and our sighs.*

**SELECTED READINGS 30 OCTOBER 2022**

Isaiah 1:10–18

2 Thess. 1:1–12

Luke 19:1–10

**The Lord Comes to Save and Call Us to Himself by the Tree of His Cross**

- God will judge “those who do not obey the gospel” (2 Thess. 1:8), but “when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven” (2 Thess. 1:7), He will “be glorified in his saints”. For by His cross, you are “considered worthy of the kingdom of God” (2 Thess. 1).
- Therefore, “give ear to the teaching of our God” (Is. 1:10), and “let us reason together” by faith in His Gospel (Is. 1:18). “Make yourselves clean” (Is. 1:16), not by “the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats” (Is. 1:11)
- But by the blood of Christ. His salvation comes to you by grace, as it came to Zacchaeus. That man sought “to see who Jesus was,” but he could not “because he was small in stature” (Luke 19:3). It is by way of a tree that Zacchaeus is found by the One he sought, for Jesus Himself “was about to pass that way”. The Lord calls Zacchaeus down and goes “in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner. So also, He visits us as sinners, securing eternal redemption for us through the tree of His holy cross. (Luke 19:4)

**CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: NICENE CREED**

Hymn of the Day. **Thy Strong Word** 578

SERMON NOTES

+ Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost +

**30 October 2022 Salvation has come to this House Luke 19:7-10**

*And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

Despite the negative reaction of people to Jesus' surprising grace, Zacchaeus demonstrates how by the Holy Spirit he has turned to God, changed the way he thinks and acts, and that his home has become a place of saving faith in the Son of Man.

1. **"What business does he have getting cozy with this crook?"**
  1. We take offense at the mercy of God
  2. God desires all men to be saved and come to knowledge of the Truth
2. **Zacchaeus demonstrates the reality of his rescue**
  1. Love God by loving our neighbor
  2. A stewardship challenge: Moses gives way to Christ
3. **Salvation has come to this house**
  1. Faith increasing and love abounding, hope enduring.
  2. Jesus still seeks and saves the lost, the last and the least of these

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. REFORMATION DAY 30 OCT. 2022 (OBSERVED)

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God, You have renewed Your Church in every age with the voices of those who recall Your people to the Gospel and who speak Your Word in all circumstances. Receive our thanks for Martin Luther and those with him who contended for the Gospel against many and great enemies. Make us bold, that we would also contend for the faith against those who would silence our voices or distract Your people from the one true Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, guard and defend us and Your Holy Christian Church throughout the world, that we may be protected from the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful nature. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on our nation. Give us good and faithful rulers who will govern after Your good pleasure. Give us comfort and a right understanding of Your rule in this world, that we would not be deceived to think earthly powers will last forever, but have confidence in You alone. Your kingdom come! Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, do not let Your people fear though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Rescue all people in need, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_,] and comfort them with the promise that You are with them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, You have granted us the privilege of a place at Christ's table. Give us faithful and repentant hearts by Your Spirit, that we would receive worthily Your Son's body and blood and depart to bear His fruit in lives of holiness and humble service. Bless Your Church through the forgiveness of sins, that we would have a clear conscience before You and live at peace with one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have brought us by Your Word out of the darkness of error and into the light of Your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Guard us from error and false doctrine, and grant that we would not become ungrateful and despise Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, conduct our lives according to it and put our trust in Your grace; through the merits of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn. **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** 956