

AS WE GATHER: Paul is talking to himself in today's Epistle, for although he knows what's right, he finds it virtually impossible to do. That's because he (and all of us) have this sickness called sin, for which we ourselves have no antidote. Worse, it keeps producing evil symptoms in our thoughts, words, and deeds. As a result, we are both sick in spirit and tired from struggling. Zechariah foresaw the solution; we can see his prophecy fulfilled as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, there to die for us and rise victorious. In the Gospel, our Lord thanks our heavenly Father for revealing to us that He is indeed the One we need to overcome our sickness of sin. Indeed, thanks to our Savior, as David penned in the psalm, that when people call out to Him, God hears their cry and saves them.



I heard the voice
of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me
and rest;
Lay down, thou
weary one, lay
down Thy head
upon My breast.”

LSB 699:1

Order of Service – Divine Service One, LSB p.151

HYMN #930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

Confession and Declaration of Grace

Introit *(responsively)*

Kyrie *LSB p.152*

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB p.154*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *Proper 9 (Year A)*

Old Testament Reading *Zechariah 9:9–12*

Epistle *Romans 7:14–25a*

Alleluia and Verse *LSB p.156*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 11:25–30*

HYMN OF THE DAY #699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Sermon “Our Inner Battle” *Text: The Epistle Readings*

Apostles’ Creed

Prayer of the Church

Collect for the Word

Benediction *LSB p.166*

CLOSING HYMN #707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways