

# Martin Luther



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*We worship today according to Service of Word and Sacrament, page 26 in the front of the hymnal.*

Hymn—462, “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

Invocation and Confession of Sins (p. 26)

Prayer and Praise (p. 27)

First Lesson—Numbers 11:16, 24-29 EHV

### ***God gives Elders to help Moses***

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather seventy men from the elders of Israel for me, men whom you know to be elders and officers for the people. Take them to the Tent of Meeting and make them stand there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>Moses went out and told the people the LORD’s words. He gathered seventy men from the elders of the people and had them stand all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took from the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do it again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men, however, remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. They were listed among the elders, but they had not gone out to the tent. The Spirit rested on them, and they prophesied back in the camp. <sup>27</sup>A young man ran and reported this to Moses. He said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!”

<sup>28</sup>Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide from his youth, answered, “My lord Moses, stop them!”

<sup>29</sup>Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of the LORD’s people were prophets so that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

Psalm of the Day—Psalm 51b, (p. 87)

Second Lesson—Philippians 1:12–18a EHV

### ***Paul endures all to proclaim the Gospel***

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that the things which happened to me actually took place to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup>And so it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to all the rest, that I am in chains because of Christ. <sup>14</sup>And, through my chains, the majority of the brothers in the Lord have become much more confident about daring to speak the word of God fearlessly. <sup>15</sup>Some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, and others out of good will. <sup>16</sup>The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am placed

here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup>The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, but thinking they can cause trouble for me while I am in chains. <sup>18</sup>What does it matter? Only this, that in every way, whether for outward appearance or for the truth, Christ is being proclaimed, and in this I rejoice.

Verse of the Day—Philippians 2:10-11

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.

Gospel—Mark 9:38–50 EHV ***Humbly serve the Lord***

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

<sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not try to stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil about me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>Amen I tell you: Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall into sin, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around his neck. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed, than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, <sup>44</sup>‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>45</sup>If your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell, <sup>46</sup>‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>47</sup>If your eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good. But if the salt loses its flavor, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Hymn—469 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

Sermon: Philippians 1:2-18a

Prisoner Paul Evangelizes Rome

1. Palace Guards and dwellers learn of Jesus
2. Roman Christians are encouraged to share Jesus
3. Paul’s rivals also proclaimed Jesus

Nicene Creed (p. 31)

Offering—*Please sign Friendship Register at this time*

Prayer of the Church and Lord’s Prayer (p. 32)

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Hymn—313, “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

Thanksgiving, Prayer and Blessing (p. 36)

Hymn—510, “I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus”