

"BY GRACE ARE YOU SAVED" EPHESIANS 2:8-9



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We are a Biblical church giving God's Word first place in our faith and life.
We are a Lutheran church that proclaims forgiveness for all through Jesus Christ.
We are a Christian church that gather to praise God, to be strengthened by His Word, and to reach out to those around us in Christian love.

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EASTER 4

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

1. The Entrance Hymn: #347, "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

2. The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: ♪ Amen.

3. The Confession and Absolution I

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heav' n and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins? **C: I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name? **C: I do.**

P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you! **C: Amen.**

4, 5. Introit/Gloria Patri

L: ♪ Make a joyful shout / to God ..all / the earth !

C: Sing out the honor of his name make / His praise glor-ious... Al-/- le -lu-jah!

L: Say to God how awesome / are Your works ! ...Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit / them-selves to You.

C: All the earth / shall wor-ship You... and sing / praises to You.

All: Glory be to the Father, / and to the Son, and to / the Holy Ghost; as it was in the be- / -ginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever- / -more. A men.

6. The Kyrie Eleison

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us

7. The Gloria In Excelsis, p. 90 (sung by the cantor)

♪ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of God the Father: Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

8. The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

9. Collect: Almighty God, You show those who are in error the light of your truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's kingdom, may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same ; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

10. The Old Testament Lesson: Lamentations 3:18-26

And I said, "My strength and my hope
Have perished from the Lord."
Remember my affliction and roaming,
The wormwood and the gall.
My soul still remembers
And sinks within me.
This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have hope.
Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"Therefore I hope in Him!"
The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,
To the soul who seeks Him.
It is good that one should hope and wait quietly
For the salvation of the Lord.

11. Gradual

L: ♪ **Al / le-lu-ia! ... Christ / our Pass-ov-er**

C: Was sacrificed/ for us ... Al / le-lu-ia!

12. Epistle: I Peter 2:11-20

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

13. The Alleluia

L: Al / le-lu-ia! ... The Lord / is risen!

C: He is / risen indeed! Al / le-lu-ia!

14. Gospel: The Holy Gospel is written in the 16th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the 16th verse. (rise)

C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

“A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.”

Then some of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?” They said therefore, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is saying.”

Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

C: ♪ **Praise be to You O Christ**

15. The Nicene Creed

C: 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall 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 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.

16. The Chief Hymn: #377, “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?”

17. Sermon Text/Theme: John 16:16-23/The Risen Jesus Gives Us Joy in the Place of Sadness.

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in Christ Jesus unto everlasting life. Amen.

18. The Offertory Hymn: #355:1,2,5,6,9

Now Christ is risen! Death's reign is over!
Lives now our Lord forever and ever!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He to redeem us on the cross suffered;
His life for us there freely He offered!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

With Easter's dawning rose He to vanquish
For us the foe who brought us death's anguish!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Glorious He'll raise now all who confess Him,
Those who in faith here honor and bless Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing with rejoicing, bring highest praises,
Which Holy Church throughout the world raises!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

19. The Prayer of the Church

23. The Lord's Prayer (sung in unison)

♪ **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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

25. The Collect III

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

26. The Benediction

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give + you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

27. The Closing Hymn: #349, "How Rich, at Eastertide"