

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



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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SECOND LAST SUNDAY

Matins, p. 109

1. A Hymn #536, "O Son of God, We Wait for Thee" (stand at the last verse)

2. The Confession of Sin

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for these great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear his Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

3. The Versicles,

L: O Lord open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise

L: Make haste O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forever-more. A-men.

4. The Invitatory / Venite

P: O come, let us worship the Lord.

C: ♪ For He is our Maker.

C: ♪ 'Oh come, let us sing to 'the LORD! Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of 'our salvation. 'Let us come before His presence with thanks-'giving; and make a joyful 'noise to Him with psalms. 'For the LORD *is* the gre-'at God, And the great 'King above all gods. 'In His hand *are* the deep places of 'the earth; the strength of the hills is 'His also. 'The sea *is* His, for He 'made it; And His hands 'form-ed the dry land. 'Oh come, let us worship and b-'ow down; Let us kneel before the 'LORD our Maker. 'For He is 'our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the 'sheep of His hand. 'Glory be to the Father, and to 'the Son, and 'to the Holy Ghost. 'As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever 'shall be: for-'evermore. Amen.

6: The Psalmody; Psalm 50: 1-6,14-17, 22-23

Antiphon

L: The Mighty One, God the `Lord, Has spoken/ and called the earth From the rising of the sun to `its going down.

Psalm

C: Out of Zion, the perfec`tion of beauty,/ God `will shine forth.

L: Our God shall come, and shall `not keep silent;/ A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous `all around Him.

C: He shall call to the heavens from above,/ And to the earth, that He may judge His people:

L: Gather My saints together to Me,/ Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”

C: Let the heavens declare His righteousness,/ For God Himself is Judge.

L: Offer to God thanksgiving,/ And pay your vows to the Most High.

C: Call upon Me in the day of trouble;/ I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

L: But to the wicked God says:/ “What right have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth,

C: Seeing you hate instruction/ And cast My words behind you?

L: Now consider this, you who forget God,/ Lest I tear you in pieces, And there be none to deliver:

C: Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;/ And to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God.”

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

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7. The Lection, p. 112

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:9-11

O Zion,

You who bring good tidings,

Get up into the high mountain;

O Jerusalem,

You who bring good tidings,

Lift up your voice with strength,

Lift it up, be not afraid;

Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”

Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand,

And His arm shall rule for Him;

Behold, His reward is with Him,

And His work before Him.

He will feed His flock like a shepherd;

He will gather the lambs with His arm,

And carry them in His bosom,

And gently lead those who are with young.

Hymn Response: #538:1-3, “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

Epistle: II Thessalonians 1:3-10

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

Hymn Response: 538:3-4, "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

"Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

8. A Hymn: #538:5-7, "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

9. Sermon Text and Theme: Matthew 25:31-46, "The Judgement That Counts For Your Good"

10. An Offering

The offering will not be taken in service during the pandemic restrictions. They may be left in the offering plate by the double doors upon leaving the service. Offerings may also be given online at [savedbygracelutheranchurch.org](https://www.savedbygracelutheranchurch.org) and clicking the donate tab.

Also, Saved By Grace is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), having joined the right hand of fellowship with the other ELS congregations to operate our seminary and do mission work. Since we do not have the ELS as a line item in our 2020 budget, if you would like to give an offering to the ELS, envelopes are provided in the church entry marked, "My Offering for the Evangelical Lutheran Synod"

11. The Cantic Hymn #42 "God We Praise You"

12. The Litany, p. 137

13. The Lord's Prayer (sung in unison), p. 117

All: ♪ **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 glory forever and ever. Amen.**

14. The Collect, p. 118 (at bottom of the page)

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit,

that we may believe Your Word; and through the Holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: ♪ Amen.**

15. The Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

16. The Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: ♪ Amen.**

17. A Hymn, #197, "My Hope Is Built"