

"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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ADVENT 3

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

1. The Entrance Hymn: #106, "On Jordan's Bank the Herald's Cry"

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: ♪ Rejoice 'in the Lord always. / Again I will say ' re - joice !

C: Let your gentleness be 'known to all men. / the 'Lord is at hand.

L: Be anxious ' for nothing / but in everything by prayer and 'supplication

C: With, thanksgiving, let your ' re - quests / be made known ' to God .

L: L.ord, You have been favorable to 'Your land ; You have brought back the captivity ' of Jacob.

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. Hymn #110:1,5,6

♪ O come, O come, come Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

8. The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. C: ♪ And with your spirit.

9. Collect: Lord, we beseech You, give ear to our prayers, and enlighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.
C: ♪ Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

10. The Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-6

And I said:

"Hear now, O heads of Jacob,
And you rulers of the house of Israel:
Is it not for you to know justice?
You who hate good and love evil;
Who strip the skin from My people,
And the flesh from their bones;
Who also eat the flesh of My people,
Flay their skin from them,
Break their bones,
And chop them in pieces
Like meat for the pot,
Like flesh in the caldron."
Then they will cry to the Lord,
But He will not hear them;
He will even hide His face from them at that time,
Because they have been evil in their deeds.
Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets
Who make my people stray;
Who chant "Peace"
While they chew with their teeth,
But who prepare war against him
Who puts nothing into their mouths:
"Therefore you shall have night without vision,
And you shall have darkness without divination;
The sun shall go down on the prophets,
And the day shall be dark for them.

11. Gradual:

L: ♫ Al-' le -lu-ia! /Remember, O Lord, Your 'tender mercies.

C: For they have 'been from of old / Al-' le -lu-ia!

12. Epistle: I Corinthians 4:1-5

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

13. Alleluia:

L: ♫ Al-/ le -lu-ia! / Behold, your King is 'coming to you!

C: He is just and having 'sa l-vation / Al-' le -lu-ia!

14. Gospel: The Holy Gospel is written in the 11th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 2nd verse. (rise)

C: ♫ Glory be to You, O Lord!

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written:

'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.'

C: ♫ Praise be to You O Christ!

15. The Nicene Creed, p. 69

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:#107, "When All the World Was Cursed"

17. Sermon Text/Theme: Matthew 11:2-10/I Corinthians 4:1-5 John Faithfully Sends Us to Jesus.

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

18. The Offertory verse:

C: ♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

18b. 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 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"

19. The Prayer of the Church

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

20. The Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

C: ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

C: ♪ **It is good and right so to do.**

21. Proper Preface and Sanctus:

P: It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: ♪ **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

22. The Exhortation (See Insert)

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**

24. The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

25. The Pax Domini P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: ♪ **Amen**

26. Agnus Dei

C: ♪ **O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

27. The Distribution and Distribution Hymn: #102, "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" & #105, "Rise Children of the Kingdom"

The Dismissal P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to † everlasting life. Depart in peace.

28. The Nunc Dimittis

C: ♪ **Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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, forevermore. Amen.**

29. The Collect of Thanksgiving I

P : O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ **And His mercy endures forever.**

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.**

31. The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

32. The Benedicamus

P♪: Let us bless the Lord. C: ♪ **Thanks be to God!**

33. The Benediction

P: 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.**

34. The Closing Hymn: #87, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"