

"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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EASTER 7

Matins, p. 109

1. **A Hymn** #341:1-2,6-8, "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" (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.

C: ♪ Alleluia

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 27 (Selected)

Antiphon

L: ♪ The Lord is my light and `my salvation;/ Whom `shall I fear?

C: ♪ The Lord is the `strength of my life;/ Of whom shall `I be afraid?

Psalm

When the wicked came against me To `eat up my flesh,/ My enemies and foes, They `stumbled and fell.

Though an army may en`camp against me,/ My `heart shall not fear;

Though war may `rise against me,/ In this I will `be confident.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When You said, "Seek My face,"/ My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."

Do not hide Your face from me;/ Do not turn Your servant away in anger;

You have been my help;/ Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

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.

Antiphon

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7. The Lection, p. 112

Old Testament Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Hymn Response: "Dear Christians, Your Whole Hearts Employ," verses, 1,2,4,12, 18,23

Epistle: I Peter 4:7-11

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." *Be* hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn Response: #392, "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

Gospel: John 15:26-16:4

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

“These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

“And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

8. A Hymn: #395, “Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Didst Fire”

9. Sermon Text and Theme: John 15:26-16:4/Acts 1:1-11, “Jesus Is With Us, During the Time In Between”

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 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 Canticle Hymn: The Te Deum, pp 114-116.

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, though 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: #33, “We Now Implore the Holy Ghost”