

# **“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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Trinity 21  
Matins, p. 109

**1. A Hymn** #13, “Dearest Jesus, Draw Thou Near Me” (stand at the last verse)

**2. The Confession of Sin**, p. 109

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**, p. 109

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.p. 110/111**

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 # n(Selected)**

L: ♪ Blessed are the unde`fined in the way,/ Who walk in the `law of the LORD!

**C: Blessed are those who keep His `testimonies,/ Who seek Him `with the whole heart!**

L: They also do no `iniquity;/ They `walk in His ways.

**C: You have `commanded us/ To keep Your precepts `diligently.**

L: Oh, that my ways `were directed/ To `keep Your statutes!

**C: Then I would `not be ashamed,/ When I look into all `Your commandments.**

L: will praise You with up`rightness of heart,/ When I learn Your `righteous judgments.

**C: I will `keep Your statutes;/ Oh, do not forsake `me utterly!**

**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. Amen.**

#### **7. The Lection, p. 112**

**Old Testament Lesson: Hosea 13:14**

“I will ransom them from the power of the grave;

I will redeem them from death.

O Death, I will be your plagues!

O Grave, I will be your destruction!  
Pity is hidden from My eyes.”

**Hymn Response:** #517:1-2, “If God Himself Be for Me”

**Epistle:** Ephesians 6:1-17

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**Hymn Response:** #517:3-4, “If God Himself Be for Me”

**Gospel:** John 4:46-54

So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.”

The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!”

Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, “Your son lives!”

Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” So the father knew that *it* was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household.

This again *is* the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

**8. A Hymn:** #517:5-6,11-12, “If God Himself Be for Me,” (tune, “Valet Will Ich Dir Geben”)

**9. Sermon Text and Theme:** John 4:46-53/John 4:46-53, “Faith Lays Hold of the Word; and the Word Gives Victory Over the Devil”

**10. An Offering:** As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings, hymn # 445:1,2

♪We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first-fruits give!

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**11. The Canticle:** The Te Deum, pages 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:** #Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

Go, My children with My blessing,  
Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are my own.

In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing -  
You are my own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.  
Hear you heard my dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children: I will keep you  
And give you peace.

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