

“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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I. The Service of Preparation

1. The Entrance Hymn: #134, "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

2. The Invocation, p 60

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **C: ♪ Amen.**

3. The Confession and Absolution, Rite I, p 60

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.

P: 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: ♪ Unto us a Child is born, unto us a / Son is given ... and the government will be upon / His shoulder.

C: His name / shall be call-ed ... Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father / Prince of Peace.

L: O sing to the / Lord a new song ... For he has done / marvelous things.

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.

6. The Kyrie Eleison, p. 63

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

7. Gloria in Excelsis, p.

♪ Glory be to God on high

And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You.

We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For You only are holy, You only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

8. The Salutation, p. 66

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

9. Collect, p. 66

P; Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

II. The Service of the Word

10. The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation *and* increased its joy;

They rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder,

The rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.
For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle,
And garments rolled in blood, will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire.
For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there will be* no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it
With judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

11. The Gradual:

L: Al - 'le-lu-ia! / let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad 'before the Lord:

C: **For he has made known 'His salvation / Al - 'le-lu-ia!**

12. Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?

But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

But to the Son *He* says: "Your throne, O God, *is* forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of Your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.
They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment;
Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed.
But You are the same, and Your years will not fail."

13. The Alleluia:

L: Al - 'le-lu-ia! // the Word was '*made flesh*. C: **And dwelt 'a-mong us / Al - 'le-lu-ia!**

14. Gospel, p. 68:

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the 1st chapter of the Gospel according to St. John beginning at the 1st verse. (rise) C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 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: #138, "Joy to the World," cello and piano accompaniment

17. Sermon Text/Theme: John 1:1-14, "Thy Miracle of the Manger"

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

18. A Hymn: #161:1-4, "O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is"

18b. Offering: "Silent Night," trumpet solo

As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings Hymn #105:1

O rich the gifts Thou bring'st us.
Thyself made poor and weak;
O love beyond expression,
That thus can sinners seek!
For this, O Lord, will we
Our joyous tribute to bring Thee,
And glad Hosannas sing Thee,
And ever grateful be.

(In addition to giving for home purposes at Saved By Grace Lutheran church, our congregation is also a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS]. As a member congregation of the ELS we have joined the right hand of fellowship with the other ELS congregations to operate our seminary and to do mission work. 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 Apostolic Benediction: P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit † be with you all.

III. The Service of Holy Communion

20. The Preface, p. 72

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

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

21. Proper Preface and Sanctus, p. 73 and p. 76:

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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. 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, p. 77 (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. 78

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. 79

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

26. Agnus Dei, p, 79

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: #148, "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men"

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, p. 81

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. 88

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. 84

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

32. The Benedicamus, p 84

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

33. The Benediction, p. 84

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: #126, "God Rest You Merry"

Postlude: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," trumpet solo