

Saved By Grace Lutheran Church
Quinquagesima (Pre-Lent 3)
Theme: Persistent Faith
March 5, 2023



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 gathers to praise God, to be strengthened by His Word, and to reach out to those around us in Christian love.

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Welcome! We are glad you can join us for our services today. If you are new to us, a step by step guide to our service is available in the church entry. May God bless the hearing of his Word this morning!.

Our communion practice: On Sundays that we have the Lord's Supper, it is our practice to commune members of Saved By Grace. If you are a guest, we ask that you please speak with Pastor Bartels before communing.

Today's theme: Holding God to His Word

God had delivered a Canaanite woman from "gods that cannot save" to the God of Israel who does save. (Isaiah 45:20-25) Though she looked to him in her distress, Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her. Yet, she continued to look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21-28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman held God to his Word. "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (Mt. 15:27-28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1-7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened.

Lenten Compline: Compline is an evening prayer, which will be used for our midweek Lenten services this year. This year's theme for our Lenten Compline is "The Blessings in the Blood of Jesus." Also, anyone wishing to serve a Lenten Supper may volunteer to do so. We will only have Lenten Soup Suppers when we have a volunteer. There is a sign up sheet in the church entry, if you are interested in serving.

Rite II, p. 60

Hymns: 257, 258, 256, 194

4, 5. Introit/Gloria Patri

♪ Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and lov-'ing kindnesses/ for they have 'been from of old.

Let not my enemies tri-'umph over me./ Redeem Israel, O God, out of 'all their troubles!

L: To You, O LORD, I 'lift up my soul./ O my God, I trust in You; let me 'not be ashamed.

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. Hymn #289:5-6

10. Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 45:20-25

11. Gradual

♪ Christ humbled himself and became obedient to 'the point of death./ **Even the 'death of the cross.**

12. Epistle: I Thessalonians 4:1-7

13. The Verse

♪ Lord, by Your cross and resurrection, You 'have set us free./ **You are the Sav-'ior of the world.**

14. The Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

18b. Offering: Hymn #445:1,2

Weekly Calendar

- Wednesday 7 PM Compline
- Thursday **10:00 AM Bible Class;**
4:30 PM Thursday School
- Sunday, 10 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; 11:30 AM Family Bible Hour