

**Saved By Grace
Lutheran Church
Trinity 4
Theme: Christ's Mercy
July 2, 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.

Thank you Martin Bilitz for conducting today's service in Pastor's absence!

Today's theme: Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others "Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

Basketball Camp for children and youth will be held July 17-21 and led by the Liebelt family. If you are interested in registering please call Sam or Rachel Liebelt at 503-515-4241.

Pastor is on vacation. He and Dawn are visiting Jaime and Byron in Utah. On the way home they will attend the ordination of Cody Anderson at our sister church, Christ Lutheran, in Klamath Falls on Friday, July 7 and will return home to conduct services on Sunday, July 9.

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Hymns: 63, 421, 420, 33

4, 5. Introit/Gloria Patri

The Lord is my Light and 'my Salvation / Whom 'shall I fear?

The Lord is the Strength 'of my life / of whom shall 'I be afraid?

When the wicked came 'up against me / my enemies and my foes, they 'stumbled and fell.

Though an army should en-'camp against me / My heart 'shall not *fear*.

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.

10. The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 58:6-12

11. The Gradual:

♪ Al-'e-lu-ia! / You send forth Your Spirit they 'are created **And You renew the 'face of the earth. / Al-'e-lu-ia!**

12. Epistle: Romans 8:18-23

13. The Alleluia:

♪ Al-'e-lu-ia! / Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts 'of the faithful. **And kindle in them 'the fire of love. Al-'e-lu-ia!**

14. Gospel: Luke 6:36-42

16. Sermon Text: Mark 9:38-41

18b. Offering: #445:1-2

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 9 -

- 10 AM, Service of Word and Sacrament
- 11:30 AM, Bible Class