

Saved By Grace
Lutheran Church
Pre-Lent: Septuagesima
Theme: Grace Alone
January 28, 2024



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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Weekly Calendar

- **Today** - 11:30 AM, Annual Meeting
- **Thursday** - 10:30 AM, Bible Class;
4:30 PM, Thursday Afterschool Classes
- **Sunday, February 4**
10 AM, Service of the Word
11:30 AM, Bible Class

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!

“Gesima” Sundays: The next three Sundays are a transition from Epiphany to Lent. The Latin names tell us about how many days until Easter: Septuagesima (70), Sexagesima (60) and Quinquagesima (50). Each of the three Sundays focuses on one of the three Solas (Alones) of the Lutheran Church: Grace Alone; Scripture Alone; and, finally Faith Alone

Today’s Theme: A landowner hired day workers for his vineyard. The first day workers hire complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1-16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. “For they were overthrown in the wilderness” (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24-10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

Baptized in today’s service is Armando Bahena, son of Tony and Marisol Bahena. Armando was born on December 5, 2023. With joy we welcome Armando into God’s family! Everyone is invited to have cake and coffee after the service in honor of Armando’s baptism.

Communion will be administered in today’s service. Saved By Grace follows the guidance of the Scriptures and the example of the historic Christian Church by practicing close communion. That means we commune those who have publicly declared they hold to the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church drawn from the Holy Scriptures, as they learned it to know it in the Small Catechism. We have this practice because the Bible requires that proper preparation be made for communion to be a blessing for the communicant. (I Corinthians 11:27-29). While that is our communion practice, Pastor would be happy to help you make that preparation to commune with us. Please let him know, if you are interested in taking those steps. While this is our communion practice, baptized children and guests may come forward to the communion rail for a blessing.