

**Saved By Grace  
Lutheran Church  
Easter 2  
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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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Rite II, p. 60

1. **The Entrance Hymn: #357** (Please stand at the last verse)

2. **The Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **Amen.**

3. **The Confession and Absolution, Form I, p.p. 60 & 61**

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.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

♪ **Who made heav' n and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only begotten Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He giveth the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. **Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.**

4, 5. **Introit/Gloria Patri**

♪ As newborn babes, desire the pure 'milk of the word. / Al-'e-lu-ia!

18. **Offertory**

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

18, b. **The Offering** (*While the offering is brought forward, the following verses of Hymn 445 are sung:*)

♪ **We give thee but Thine own, Whate'r the gifts to 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 firstfruits give!**

19. **The Prayer of the Church**

23. **The Lord's Prayer, p. 85** (sung in unison) ♪ **Our Father ...**

24. **A Hymn: #341:1-5**

25. **The Collect II, p. 86**

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **Amen.**

26. **The Benediction, p. 87**

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.

♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

27. **The Closing Hymn: #341:6-8**

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

♪ Praise be to You O Christ!

#### 15. The Apostles' Creed, p. 68

- I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life † everlasting. Amen.

#### 16. The Chief Hymn: #366

#### 17. The Sermon

**Hear, all my people, and I will admonish you 'O Israel / if you would 'listen to me!**

Sing aloud to God '*our strength* / make a joyful shout to the 'God of Jacob.

**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

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### 7. The Gloria in Excelsis, p. 64

- 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

The Lord be with you. ♪ And with your spirit.

9. Collect: Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection, may, your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.

#### 10. The Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, *there were* very many in the open valley;

and indeed *they were* very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.”

Again He said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD.’”

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there was* no breath in them.

Also He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”’” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’ Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken *it* and performed *it*,” says the LORD.’”

#### 11. The Gradual:

Al-’le-lu-ia! / Christ ‘our Pass-ov-er.

**Was sacrificed ‘for us. / Al ‘le-lu-ia!**

#### 12. Epistle: I John 5:4-12

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who

overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

#### 13. The Alleluia:

Al-’le-lu-ia! / The Lord ‘is risen!

**He is ‘risen indeed! / Al-’le-lu-ia!**

**14. Gospel:** The Holy Gospel is written in the 20th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the 19th verse. (rise )

#### ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.” When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.”