

**Saved By Grace
Lutheran Church
Septuagesima
Theme: Justification by Grace
February 1, 2026**

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: #25 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace" (Please stand at the last verse)

2. The Invocation, p. 60

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ♪ **Amen.**

3. The Confession and Absolution I, p. 60

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. **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.**

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! **Amen.**

4, 5. Introit/Gloria Patri, p. 62

♪ The pangs of death ‘encompassed me, / the sorrows of hell ‘surrounded me. **The floods of ‘ungodliness / made ‘me afraid.**

In my distress I called ‘upon the Lord, / and he heard my voice ‘from His temple.

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 Hymn #289:5-6

♪ **Je-sus, my great High Priest, Offered His blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks No Sacrifice beside.
His pow’rful blood did once atone; And now it pleads before the throne.**

**My Advocate appears For my defense on high,
The Father bows His ear, And lays His anger by.
Not all that hell or sin can say Shall turn His heart, His love away.**

8. The Salutation

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

9. Collect: O Lord, we beseech You favorably to hear the prayers of Your people, that we who are justly punished for our offenses, may mercifully be delivered by Your gracious goodness, for the glory of Your name; 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: Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him.” So they sent *messengers* to Joseph, saying, “Before your father died he commanded, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to Joseph: “I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.” ’ Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.” And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, “Behold, we *are* your servants.”

Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for *am* I in the place of God? But as for you,

you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

11. The Gradual:

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

12. Epistle: I Corinthians 9:24–10:5

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for an imperishable crown*. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

13. The Alleluia:

♪ Lord, by Your cross and resurrection, You ‘have set us free./
You are the Savior ‘of the world.

14. Gospel, p. 68:

The Holy Gospel is written in the 20th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 1st verse. (rise) ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is

right you will receive.’

“So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them *their* wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ And when those came who *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received *it*, they complained against the landowner, saying, ‘These last *men* have worked *only* one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take *what is* yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man *the same* as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ♪ **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

15. The Apostles Creed

- 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: #227:1-2, 5-6, 10, “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”,

17. Sermon Text/Theme: Genesis 50:5-21, “Grace Alone”

18. The Offertory Verse

♪ 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.

18b. Offering: As the offering is brought forward, the congregation sings Hymn #445:1,2

♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift 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 first-fruits give!

19. The Prayer of the Church

23. The Lord's Prayer, p. 77 (sung in unison)

♪ Our Father ...

24. A Hymn of Thanks, #226:1-5. "By Grace I'm Saved"

25. The Collect III, p. 86:

Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, unto Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word, as becomes it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ 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: #226:8-9, "By Grace I'm Saved"