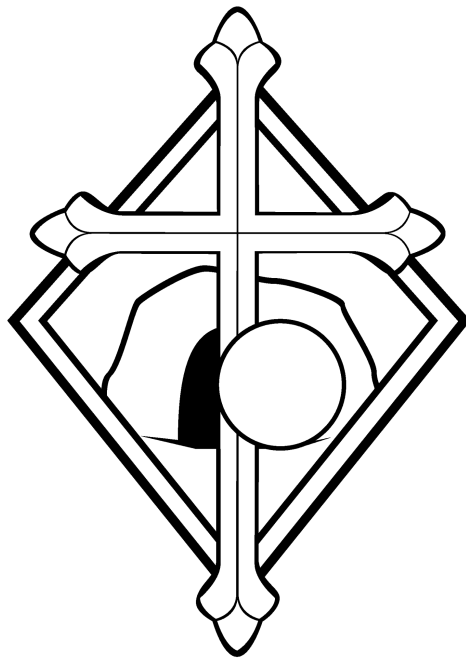


Saved By Grace Lutheran Church

Easter 4

Theme: Cross and Comfort

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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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1. The Entrance Hymn: #349, "How Rich at Eastertide"

2. The Invocation

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

3. The Confession and Absolution I

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.**

I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins? **I do.**

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name? **I do.**

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

♪ Make a joyful shout to 'God all the earth! Sing out the hon-'or of His name.

Make His praise 'glor-ious. / Al-'le-lu-jah!

Say to God how awe-'some are Your works! / Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit 'them-selves to You.

All the earth 'shall wor-ship You / and sing 'praises to You.

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.

6. The Kyrie Eleison

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

7. The Gloria in Excelsis - Hymn, #35:1

♪ All glory be to God on high,

Who hath our race befriended!

To us no harm shall now come nigh,

The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men,

And peace shall reign on earth again:

O thank Him for His goodnes!

8. The Salutation

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

9. Collect

Almighty God, You show those who are in error the light of your truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's kingdom, may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; 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: Lamentations 3:18–26

And I said, "My strength and my hope have perished from the Lord." Remember my affliction and roaming, The wormwood and the gall. My soul still remembers and sinks within me. This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. *Through* the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. *They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.* "The Lord *is* my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" The Lord *is* good to those who wait for Him, To the soul *who* seeks Him. *It is* good that *one* should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of 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 Peter 2:11–20

Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God.

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 16th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the 16th verse. (rise) ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." Then *some* of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying."

Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you

again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

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

15. The Nicene Creed, p. 69

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

16. The Chief Hymn: #377:1-2,6-8, "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

17. Sermon Text/Theme: John 16:16-23, "Tribulation Gives Birth to Joy"

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

19. The Prayer of the Church

Hymn of Preparation: #328:1,3, 7-9, "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

22. The Exhortation (See p. 38 or 77)

20. The Preface

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is good and right so to do.**

21. Proper Preface and Sanctus:

P: It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; (*the pastor prayer the seasonal prayer...*) Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

22. The Exhortation (See p. 38 or 77)

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

♪ **Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

24. The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

25. The Pax Domini The peace of the Lord be with you always. ♪ **Amen**

26. Agnus Dei

♪ **O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

27. The Distribution and Distribution Hymn: #341

28. The Nunc Dimittis

C: ♪ **Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

29. The Collect of Thanksgiving I

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. ♪ **And His mercy endures forever.**

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **Amen.**

31. The Salutation

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

32. The Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord. ♪ **Thanks be to God!**

33. The Benediction

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.**

34. The Closing Hymn: #341:6-8, "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"