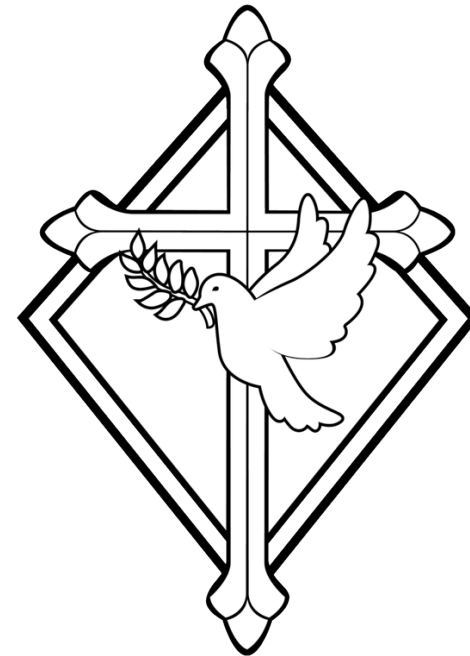


Saved By Grace  
Lutheran Church  
Easter 7  
*Theme: Promised Comforter*  
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We are a Biblical church giving God's Word first place in our faith and life. We are a Lutheran church that proclaims forgiveness for all through Jesus Christ. We are a Christian 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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## Matins, p. 109

### 1. The Confession of Sin, p. 109

Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for these great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear his Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**2 Hymn: #392, "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"**

### 3. The Versicles, p. 109

O Lord open my lips. ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise**

*(Psalm 51:15)*

Make haste O God, to deliver me. **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

*(Psalm 70:1)*

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the Holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, though Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **Amen.**

### 15. The Benedicamus, p. 119

Let us bless the Lord. ♪ **Thanks be to God.** *(Psalm 103:1)*

### 16. The Benediction, p. 119

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ♪ **Amen.**

*(II Corinthians 13:14)*

**17. A Hymn: #397, "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire"**

**10. An 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!**

**11. The Canticle:** Hymn version of the Te Deum,, #42, "God, We Praise You"

**12. The Suffrages,** p. 140

**13. The Lord's Prayer** (sung in unison), p. 117 *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**♪ 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 power and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**14. The Collects,**

Almighty, everlasting God, grant us always to have a devout will towards You, and the desire to serve Your majesty with a pure heart; though Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **♪ Amen.**

**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: forever-more. A-men. ♪ Alleluia**

**4. The Invitatory / Venite,** p.p. 110/111 *(Psalm 95:1-7)*

**♪ O come, let us worship the Lord. For He is our Maker. 'Oh come, let us sing to 'the LORD! Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of 'our salvation. 'Let us come before His presence with thanks- 'giving; and make a joyful 'noise to Him with psalms. 'For the LORD is the gre-'at God, And the great 'King above all gods. 'In His hand are the deep places of 'the earth; the strength of the hills is 'His also. 'The sea is His, for He 'made it; And His hands 'form-ed the dry land. 'Oh come, let us worship and b-'ow down; Let us kneel before the 'LORD our Maker. 'For He is 'our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the 'sheep of His hand. '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: for-'evermore. Amen.**

**6: The Psalmody:** Psalm 27 (Selected)

*Antiphon*

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?**

*The Psalm*

When the wicked came against me To `eat up my flesh,/  
My enemies and foes, They `stumbled and fell.

**Though an army may en`camp against me,/  
My `heart shall not fear;**

Though war may `rise against me,/  
In this I will `be confident.

**Hear, O Lord, when I `cry with my voice!/  
Have mercy also upon me, `and answer me.**

When You `said, "Seek My face,"/ My heart said to You,  
"Your face, `Lord, I will seek."

**Do not hide `Your face from me;/ Do not turn Your  
servant a`way in anger;**

You `have been my help;/ Do not leave me nor forsake  
me, O God of `my salvation.

**Glory be to the Father `and to the Son/ and to `the Holy  
Ghost; mAs it was in the be`ginning, is now,/ and ever  
shall be, forever`more. Amen.**

*Antiphon*

*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?*

**7. The Lection, p. 112**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Ezekiel 36:25-27

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be  
clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from  
all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new  
spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your  
flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit  
within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you  
will keep My judgments and do *them*.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!

**Epistle:** I Peter 4:7-11

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious  
and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have  
fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a  
multitude of sins." *Be hospitable to one another without  
grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to  
one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of  
God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of*

God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability  
which God supplies, that in all things God may be  
glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory  
and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!

**Gospel:** John 15:26-16:4

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you  
from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the  
Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear  
witness, because you have been with Me from the  
beginning.

"These things I have spoken to you, that you should not  
be made to stumble. They will put you out of the  
synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills  
you will think that he offers God service. And these things  
they will do to you because they have not known the  
Father nor Me. But these things I have told you, that when  
the time comes, you may remember that I told you of  
them.

"And these things I did not say to you at the beginning,  
because I was with you.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪Thanks be to You, O Lord!

**8. A Hymn:** #395, "Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Dids't Fire"

**9. Sermon Text and Theme:** John 15:26-16:4, "Jesus Cares  
for His Church During the Time In-between"