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We are delighted to have you with us today to receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation.

The Offering

Members of this church are privileged to give to the Lord for the work of His church in this community and throughout the world. *Visitors should not feel obliged in any way to contribute to the offering plate.*

Children in the Service

It is a delight and a privilege to have children in the service. Children as much as adults are members of God's family and Jesus welcomes little children to Him.

Please do not worry if your child will not sit still or quietly throughout the service. Most young children won't manage that! There is plenty of space at the back of the room. If you do need to take a child outside, the smaller room is available for that purpose.

Holy Communion

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, we eat and drink the true body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and the wine, according to Jesus' own words. We also believe that those who participate in Holy Communion in a particular congregation should be in agreement in the confession of the faith.

If you are visiting us and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor *before the service*. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Our teaching on this matter is explained in more detail in the little leaflet, 'Why Closed Communion?', which is available at the back of the church. **Thank you for honouring our beliefs.**

Explanation of Symbols:

- C** Congregation
- P** Presiding minister
- A** Assisting minister(s)
- I** Male/Low Voices
- II** Female/High Voices
- +† You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

Silent prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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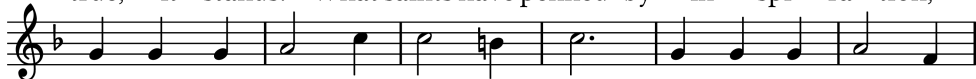
HYMN—LSB 566 By Grace I'm Saved



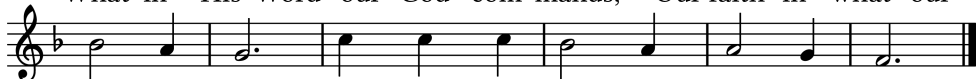
1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2. By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con-duct
3. By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - iour, Came down to earth to
4. By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom-ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com-mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main; By grace you, too, will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav - en - ly
God has done De - pends on grace—grace through His Son.

5. By grace to timid hearts that tremble, 6. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In tribulation's furnace tried, In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
By grace, despite all fear and trouble, For though I know my heart's condition,
The Father's heart is open wide. I also know my Saviour's voice.
Where could I help and strength My heart is glad, all grief has flown
secure Since I am saved by grace alone.
If grace were not my anchor sure?

Text: Christian L. Scheidt (1709–61); tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, alt. Music: Cornelius H. Dretzel (1697–1775)

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A confessional address will follow, concluding as follows:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the ✠ name of the Lord.

G **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

G **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.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a*)

A The cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD;
From his temple he heard my voice.

I I love you, O LORD, my strength.*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

- II** For you save a humble people,*
 but the haughty eyes you bring down.
I You have equipped me with strength*
 and made my way blameless.
II For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,*
 and sing to your name.
C ✦ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,*
 is now and will be forever. Amen.
I The cords of Sheol entangled me;*
 the snares of death confronted me.
II In my distress I called upon the LORD;*
 From his temple he heard my voice.

KYRIE

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- P** Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we ✦ *worship* Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heavenly King,
 God the Father Almighty.

 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, ✦ *Jesus* Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
 ✦ *receive our prayer*.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
 have mercy upon us.

 For Thou only art holy;
 Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the ✦ glory of God the Father.

Amen.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

Silent prayer, concluding with the COLLECT OF THE DAY:

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

THE READINGS

FIRST READING—Exodus 17:1–7

After the Reading

- P** This is the word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95 (*antiphon: v. 6*)

- A** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;*
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- I** Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;*
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- II** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;*
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- I** For the Lord is a great God,*
and a great King above all gods.
- II** In his hand are the depths of the earth;*
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- I** The sea is his, for he made it,*
and his hands formed the dry land.
- II** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;*
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
- I** For he is our God,*
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
- II** Today, if you hear his voice,*
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah
in the wilderness,

- I** when your fathers put me to the test*
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- II** For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people
who go astray in their heart,*
and they have not known my ways.”
- I** Therefore I swore in my wrath,*
“They shall not enter my rest.”
- C**❖ *Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,*
is now and will be forever. Amen.
- A** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;*
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

EPISTLE READING—1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

After the Reading

- P** This is the word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 9:9–10, 18–19a*)

- A** The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,*
a stronghold in times of trouble.
And those who know your name put their trust in you,*
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.
For the needy shall not always be forgotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
Arise, O LORD!*
Let not man prevail.

Stand

TRACT (*Ps. 130:1–4*)

- A** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive*
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,*
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,*
that you may be feared.

HOLY GOSPEL—Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

C 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

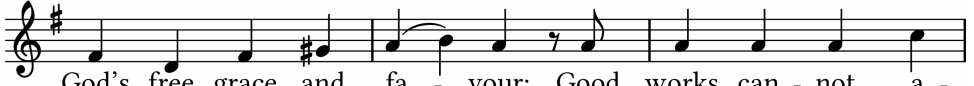
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
❖ *worshipped* and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY—LSB 555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come



1. Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By
 2. What God did in His Law de - mand And
 3. It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That
 4. From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin



God's free grace and fa - vour; Good works can - not a -
 none to Him could ren - der Caused wrath and woe on
 God His Law had giv - en That sin - ners could them -
 held its sway un - ceas - ing; The task was use - less



vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er. Faith
 ev' - ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our
 selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en. The
 and in vain, Our guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None



looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 can re - move sin's poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5. Yet as the law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus His Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.
6. Since Christ has full atonement made
 And brought to us salvation,
 Each Christian therefore may be glad
 And build on this foundation.
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
 Your death is now my life indeed,
 For You have paid my ransom.

7. Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken:
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.
8. The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.
9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbour and supply
The proof that faith is living.
- △ 10. All blessing, honour, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace,
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
Thou hast revealed Thy saving love;
Thy blessed name we hallow.

Text: Paul Speratus (1484–1551); tr. The Lutheran Hymnal (1941). Music: Wittenberg (1524).

SERMON

After the SERMON, the pastor says:

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY

C Create in me a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Sindy & Nikola; Žina; Reg & Carol; John (Covid-19)

Family of members

Helen & Holly (Covid-19); Mike (Alzheimer's); Ian (Parkinson's); Doug & Myra (health); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Sheridan (health); Holly; Rita (cancer);

Diana (Rett Syndrome); Decerie (leukemia); Philip & Carol (cancer)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Tim (health); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Joby Beresford (cancer); Christine (health); Serena (cancer); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); John (health); Phillip (mental health); Matt (brain surgery); Martin (tumour); Ken (health); Tressey (health); Val (stroke); Emily (Tourette's); Lena (brain tumour)

ELCE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Pr. Effiong; ELCE Nominations Committee; ELCE University Students; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer); Ingrid Flor (cancer); Anja & Neil (health); Sine Biba (health)

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya; The Evangelical Lutheran Conference and Ministerium of Kenya; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Hill Park Baptist Church; Amiir & Sana Ilahi

The World

Covid-19 pandemic; the Uighur people (China); the Yazidi people (Iraq)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

The PROPER PREFACE appropriate to the day or season is spoken or chanted:

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

- C** **✠ Holy, holy holy**
Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed ✠ is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray:

C 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 the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace..

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

If you are visiting us, please read the note about Communion on the front page of this service booklet.

Silent prayer before receiving the Sacrament:

*Dear Saviour, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your holy Body and Blood. Let me find favour in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.*

After the distribution, please stand.

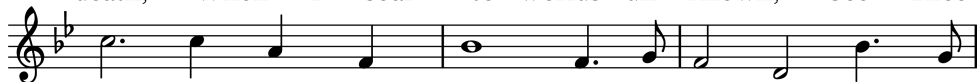
DISTRIBUTION HYMN—LSB 761 Rock of Ages



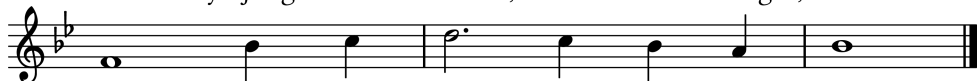
1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in
2. Not the la - bours of my hands Can ful - fil Thy Law's de -
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to Thy cross I
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in



Thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood From Thy
mands; Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my
cling. Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less,
death, When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee



riv - en side which flowed, Be of sin the dou - ble
tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could not a -
look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the foun - tain
on Thy judge - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for



cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
fly; Wash me, Sav - iour, or I die!
me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus Toplady (1740–78); Music: Thomas Hastings (1784–1872)

NUNC DIMITTIS

- ☐** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace*
according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,*
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
a Light to lighten the Gentiles*
and the glory of Thy 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*
world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

C **And His mercy endureth forever.**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith towards You and in fervent love towards one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with Thy Spirit**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

BENEDICTION

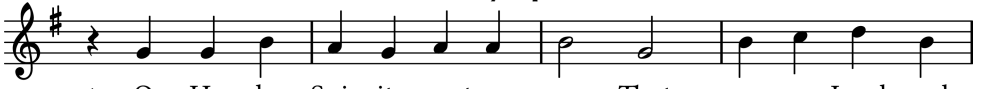
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you † peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN—LSB 693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace



1. O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and
2. Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may
3. And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im -



Sav - iour In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And
trea - sure; Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New
pend - ing, Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con -



tru - ly serve Him e - ver, The hour of death can - not bring loss When
grace in rich - est mea - sure. O make us die to ev' - ry sin, Each
tin - ue till life's end - ing, Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our



we are shel - tered by the cross That can - celled our trans - gres - sions.
day cre - ate new life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
souls in - to our Sav - iour's hand The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt (1532–99); tr. Oluf Smeby (1851–1929), alt. Music: Wittenberg (1535).

Sit after the candles are extinguished

Silent prayer after worship:

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshipped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Tue	7 pm	Vespers (Candlemas)
Wed	8.30 pm	Evening Prayer (Zoom)
Thu	1.15 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	6.45 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Sun	5.30 pm	Divine Service (Titchfield Evangelical Church)

Daily Readings:

Today	Zech 10:1-11:3 2 Tim 3:1-18 LC V:58-74
Mon	Zech 11:4-17 2 Tim 4:1-18 LC V:75-87
Tue	Zech 12:1-13:9 Titus 1:1-2:6 SA Preface:1-7
Wed	Zech 14:1-21 Titus 2:7-3:15 SA Preface:8-15
Thu	Job 1:1-22 John 1:1-18 SA I; II I
Fri	Job 2:1-3:10 John 1:19-34 SA II II:1-10
Sat	Job 3:11-26 John 1:35-51 SA II II:11-24
Sun	Job 4:1-21 John 2:1-12 SA II II:25-29; III