

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
doubt it not. Why stag-ger at this word of prom-ise?  
Has Scrip-ture ev-er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must  
true re-main: By grace you too will life ob-tain.

2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.

3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of thine own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CLOSING DOXOLOGY ✠

“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

— *CSB 325*

## A Service of the Word

(Based on LSB Divine Service Setting 4)

Preservice Meditation: Psalm 119:33-40

### OPENING PRAYER

#### ADULT CHOIR

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19*

Minister (M) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C) Amen.**

M Our help is in the name of the Lord,

*Ps 124:8*

**C Who made heaven and earth**

M If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? *Ps 130:3-4*

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Luke 18:13*

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

M Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

M Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

# KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



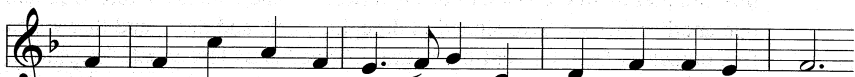
**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Lk. 2:14; Jn. 1:29



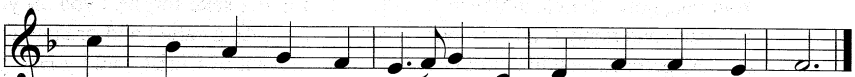
**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

# COLLECT OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray, ... one God now and forever,

**C** Amen.

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, our God, our Strength and our Joy, who brought us life and immortality by delivering Your only Son to the death of a cross and raising Him to glory,

{special requests}

We praise You for Your multitude of mercies, especially for your mercy in Jesus Christ, through whom we have received the full remission of all our sins, no matter how great they may be, along with the strength to overcome evil and win the victory over temptation.

Give the riches of Your grace to Your Church, O God, so that we may seek the lost, raise the fallen, comfort the broken-hearted, and heal the afflicted. Enable our pastors and missionaries to proclaim with courage and understanding all Your words of life in their truth and purity, and to proclaim Your mighty deeds of judgment and mercy, so that Your name may be hallowed. Help us remember that You are active in all of history, life, and movement, that You are in control of all nations, and that Your eye is in every place beholding the evil and the good. Grant that all eyes may turn to You and find Your truth.

Be the heavenly Guest in all our homes, and move the hearts of all who live there to trust only in You and to have a perfect love toward each other, until the day when You will call us from our earthly homes to live together with You in heaven for all eternity.

Bless all who are in need of body or soul, and grant that they may humble themselves under Your mighty hand, so that You may exalt them in due time. Lead them to cast all their burdens on You, and assure them of Your infinite and understanding care.

Hear our prayer in the Name of Jesus, to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever, and in whose Name we pray, Amen.

**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 forever and ever. Amen!** *Matthew 6:9-13*

# BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**M** 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.

**C** Amen.

## SERMON

Based on Gospel Lesson of the Day

### Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him.

<sup>10</sup> Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what *this* means: ‘*I desire mercy and not sacrifice.*’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

## Sinners Anonymous

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen. *Philippians 4:7*

## HYMN

CSB 325

*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

## FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 2:8-3:11**

### PSALM OF THE DAY *responsively*

Psalm 119:33-40

M Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes,  
C And I shall keep it to the end.  
M Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;  
C Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.  
M Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,  
C For I delight in it.  
M Incline my heart to Your testimonies,  
C And not to covetousness.  
M Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,  
C And revive me in Your way.  
M Establish Your word to Your servant,  
C Who is devoted to fearing You.  
M Turn away my reproach which I dread,  
C For Your judgments are good.  
M Behold, I long for Your precepts;  
C Revive me in Your righteousness.

## GOSPEL LESSON

**Matthew 9:9-13**

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# CREED ~

The Apostles' Creed

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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

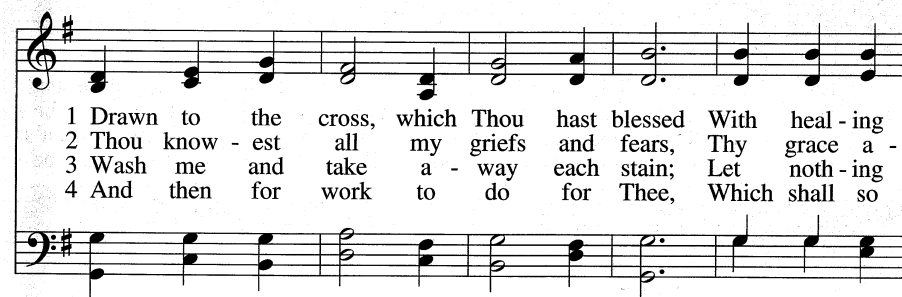
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty.

From there He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

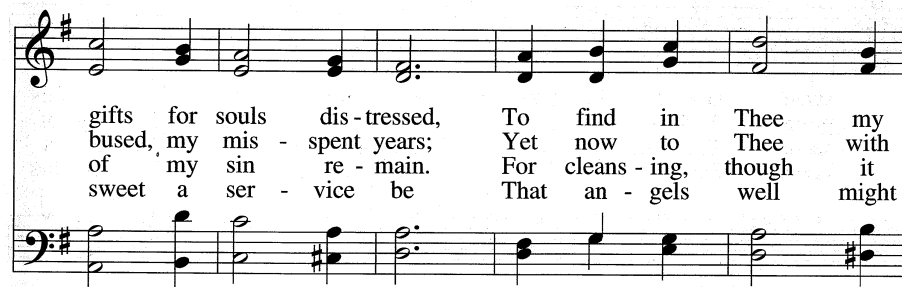
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

# Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

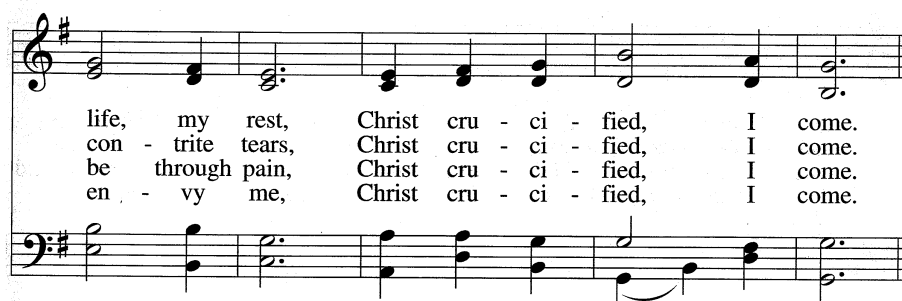
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1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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John 12:32; Ps. 51:2, 17; Gal. 6:10