

What Does It Mean to be ELCA Lutheran?

Lenten Service Series 2025



Saved By Grace

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Kviteseid Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW #335

Greeting

P The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P To you, O God,

C all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

P By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

Church Trivia: The Canon

Psalm 103:1-5, 8-12,

L ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

C ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits—

L ³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

C ⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

L ⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

C ⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

L ⁹you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger
forever.

C ¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

L ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

C ¹²**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

Hymn: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" vs 1, 2, 3, 5 ELW #609

Prayer

P Timeless One, you renew your promises in every generation.
Deepen our awareness of the communion of saints who have gone
before us, the saints in our own time, and the saints who will carry
on your message of grace after us. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 3:14-17

Scripture Reading: Galatians 2:16

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-9

Message

Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

ELW #337

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

Mission Minute – Youth opportunities in the synod and beyond

Offering and Jingle Offering

Offertory Response

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

verses 1 and 2

ELW #686

**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.**

Offering Prayer

**C Abiding God, under the cover of darkness, you bring forth life.
Nourish us with earth's bounty, that we may freely share the
gifts you have first given us, through the one who gives his life
for the world, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

P The Creator who fashions us together with all things, the Christ who leads us into a new beloved community, the Spirit who holds us in the communion of saints, one God, ✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

Hymn: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

ELW #779

Dismissal

P Go in peace, joined together in Christ.

C Thanks be to God.