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Know, Pray, Tell

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Greetings! I'm Pastor Mike. WELCOME to the online worship of Saving Grace Lutheran in Chino Valley, AZ! We believe God brought you here on purpose and we're very glad you have chosen to be with us so that we can worship together. We pray that God will bless you so that what He gives you here, you will be able to take with you into your life experiences and connections in the week ahead.

For your in-home participation, the service order, as well as, the sermon is provided on our website. Click on "Today's Service" and "Today's Sermon" to receive copies of both.

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#### As We Gather

"In that day," Jesus told the disciples in the Upper Room, "whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." They could not understand, hearing Him before Easter and Pentecost. But we know now that the day has arrived, thanks to His death and resurrection, when our heavenly Father's ears are open to our every prayer. In this our day, we can anticipate by faith seeing Him and Jesus, the Lamb, in the perfect Jerusalem, as John writes in the reading from Revelation. Hearing the good news, Lydia, in the Reading from Acts, asked if the disciples deemed her worthy for Baptism. Indeed, with the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit, Christ's worthiness and her sins had been exchanged on the cross. She provided a home for Paul and Luke, and God had an eternal Jerusalem awaiting her entry. What Easter joy!

#### 903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the  
4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -  
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on



hours His own. Let heav'n re - joice, let  
es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,  
earth can raise. The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.  
comes to us To save our fall - en race.  
which He reigns, Shall give Him no - bler praise.

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Confession and Absolution *Psalm 118:24; John 16:23, 33*

**P** This is the day that the LORD has made.

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said, “In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.” Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

*Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.*

**P** Almighty God,

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

**P** Although Jesus foretold about the disciples’ scattering that very night, yet He said, “I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

**C** Amen! And may peace also be with you.

**P** Amen.

## WORD

### 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther’s wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav’n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o’er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv’n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



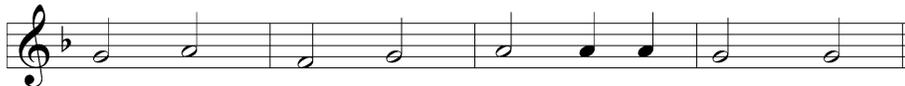
Your pre-cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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**Kyrie** *LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 187.*

**P** Glory be to God on high:

*Together we sing:*

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward 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, heav'nly 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** And With Thy Spirit.

**C** And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts.

**C** Grant that we may pray confidently, trusting that because of Your Son's sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, You graciously hear our every prayer;

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**First Reading** *Acts 16:9-15*

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the

gospel to them. <sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

☒ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 3**

<sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us  
**and make his face to shine upon us,**  
<sup>2</sup>that your way may be known on earth,  
**your saving power among all nations.**  
<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you!**  
<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for you judge the peoples with equity**  
**and guide the nations upon earth.**  
<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you!**  
<sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase;  
**God, our God, shall bless us.**  
<sup>7</sup>God shall bless us;  
**let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

**Epistle**     *Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27*

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . . <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. <sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

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Verse *Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

- P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.
- C** **In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *John 16:23–33*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” <sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice *sts. 1, 6–7, 9*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion  
6 The Son o-beyed His Fa-ther's will, Was born of vir-gin  
7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and  
9 "Now to My Fa-ther I de-part, From earth to heav'n as -



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly  
moth-er; And God's good plea-sure to ful-fill, He came to  
cas-tle. Your ran-som I My-self will be; For you I  
cend-ing, And, heav'n-ly wis-dom to im-part, The Ho-ly



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How  
be my broth-er. His roy-al pow'r dis-guised He bore; A  
strive and wres-tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And  
Spir-it send-ing; In trou-ble He will com-fort you And



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
ser - vant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the dev - il cap - tive.  
where I am you may re-main; The foe shall not di - vide us.  
teach you al - ways to be true And in - to truth shall guide you.

## Message

## Offering

Now is the time in our service where an offering is given. If you are a guest with us today, it is not expected that you give, however, if you feel blessed by God and led to do so, you certainly can by sending it to: Saving Grace Lutheran, PO Box 721, Chino Valley, AZ 86323. Thank you to everyone for supporting this ministry!

## Apostles' Creed

**C** **I BELIEVE** in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I BELIEVE** 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

Anthem "I Need Thee Every Hour" *Traditional*

Prayer of the Church *Psalm 67:3*

**P** "In that day," Jesus said, we would pray directly to our Father in heaven. This side of Easter and Pentecost, we know that all we ask is based on our Lord's death and resurrection. Let us therefore take our concerns to our heavenly Father.

We pray that the Spirit work faith in the hearts of many people who do not know about our Lord's overcoming the world through His death and resurrection. Grant that they join us to pray to our Father in heaven, to hallow His name, and to be instruments of His kingdom and will.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**C** **let all the peoples praise You!**

**P** We pray for people who call out to God for daily bread, everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body: those who are sick; in need of adequate food, clothing, or shelter; in conflict with family or neighbors; oppressed unjustly; dealing with calamity by fire or water; going into harm's way for the good of others; and those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that they place their hope in Jesus' overcoming the world, realize

God's protection and care, and find peace in God's answers to their prayers.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**C let all the peoples praise You!**

**P** We pray for people who do not know the complete forgiveness for their trespasses that Christ has won for them and those who have strayed away from His protection into false belief and despair. Grant that God surround them with people bringing them His forgiveness in word and deed so that they might overcome the devil, the world, and their own sinful nature to win the victory.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**C let all the peoples praise You!**

**P** We ask God to answer those prayers we have not put into words, but are still known to Him, our heavenly Father. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of the death and resurrection of Your Son, in whose name we pray.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

**C let all the peoples praise You! Amen; yes, yes, it shall be so.**

**P** Remember us in Your kingdom as we pray the prayer you taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### Dismissal

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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**TODAY . . . LWML Mites Sunday. During our worship service, we will empty our mite boxes for a MISSION work NOISY COLLECTION.**

**FLOWER CHART . . . Altar flowers enhance the worship experience in the church sanctuary and glorify God. They are an offering to God and reflect the beauty of creation. You are invited to donate altar flowers for Sunday worship, Arrangements may be donated to honor loved ones or to mark special celebrations such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, baptisms, etc. Flowers may be picked up at the close of worship each week. Please, select the Sundays that you would like**

to provide altar flowers. The sign-up chart is in the Fellowship Hall on the wall to the right of the sanctuary entrance.

**Tuesdays 4:00 p.m. A new study “The Messiah” - Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament.  
Session 3: Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel**

**Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. “Where Love Abides” based on John 15:1-17 WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY.  
May 25: “FRIENDS, NOT SERVANTS” - The Meaning of Friendship vs. 13-15.**

**BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMS, ANNIVERSARIES . . . Please place your dates on the charts in the fellowship hall. It is one way for our family to grow in relationship with each other.**