

The Lutheran Church of Vestavia Hills

MONDAY EVENING  
DEVOTIONAL SERIES



*GRACE IS MORE FORGIVING  
THAN YOUR GUILT*

January 23, 2023

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#### **THE SENTENCES**

O Lord, open my lips,

**And my mouth shall declare Your praise.**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

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

**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.**

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my own fault, and I pray to God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me of all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**The almighty and merciful Lord grant you  
pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your  
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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us, that with purified minds we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and may glorify you forever.

**Amen.**

### READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

First Reading.....1Timothy 1:15

Second Reading.....Romans 3:23-24

Holy Gospel.....Romans 5:12-21

### RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*"By Grace I'm Saved" (spoken responsively)*

By grace God's Son, our only Savior

**Came down to earth to bear our sin.**

Was it because of your own merit

**That Jesus died, your soul to win?**

No, it was grace, and grace alone,

**That brought him from his heav'nly throne.**

### SERMON

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### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

#### LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night; for into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things; let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

*(If desired, please stay for Holy Communion)*

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**