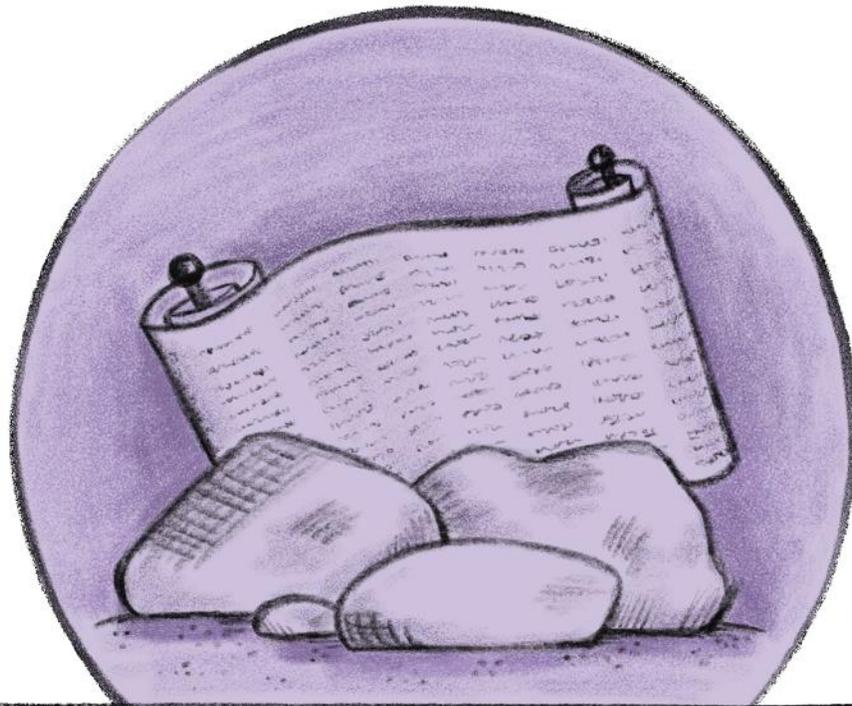


FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



First Sunday in Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

PRELUDE

Richard Warner

*Meditation on CANONBURY
Lord, Speak to Me*

Please stand.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We are gathered in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: **Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

L: I acknowledge my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity:

C: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: As we come together to worship in the presence of God, we confess our sins and seek God's grace and mercy. Isaiah was given a vision of God enthroned in the temple and the prophet was frightened by what he saw. He knew that he was a sinner in the presence of the holy God of Israel. With the prophet, we acknowledge and confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, we know that we are sinners. We do not obey your holy law. We follow our sinful desires and listen to the temptations of the world around us. The prophet confessed that he was unclean. We too are unclean. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

P: An angel touched the prophet's lips with a coal from the altar of sacrifice and said, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." Isaiah's guilt was taken away. His sins were forgiven. As God showed grace to the prophet, he has shown his grace to us through Jesus' atoning death. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LORD, SPEAK TO US, THAT WE MAY SPEAK

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1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

GREETING AND THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, your amazing grace was displayed in the life of the prophet Isaiah. His guilt was taken away and his sins forgiven. You have, in grace, forgiven us through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus our Lord. You have called us to live in love and service toward others. As we go about our daily lives, help us by your Spirit to share with others the love of Jesus and the promise of salvation through faith in his name. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

READING FROM ISAIAH

6:1-8

R: A reading from Isaiah the 6th chapter.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 9:35-38

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9th chapter.

C:



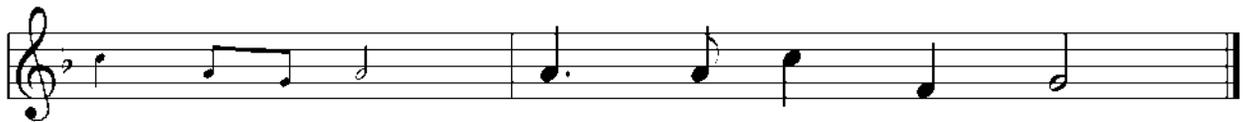
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P:

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Rev. C.J. Bailey

AMAZING
grace

Please stand.

HERE I AM, LORD

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

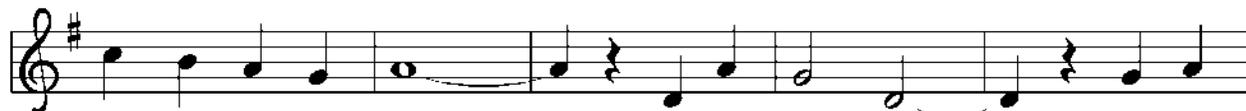


Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

L: Living together in comfort and joy, we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Please be seated.

OFFERING & MEDITATION

Janet Linker

HERE I AM

Char Pope, piano; Curtis L. King, organ

OFFERING SONG

AMAZING GRACE

Verse one

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

You are invited to kneel as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Together we respond:

P: Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

THE BENEDICTION

P: “Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

C: Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

P: May God, the giver of love, Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth, bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: Musical notation for the word 'Amen' repeated three times. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Please stand.

SPREAD, ALMIGHTY WORD ***ELW 663***

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: GOTT SEI DANK. J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704
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THE SENDING

P: Go in peace! Serve in love!!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Ludwig Lenel

GOTT SEI DANK

Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word

Today's Flowers were given by Amy & Brian Mills and brother, Jackson, in honor of Chloe Orian's 16th birthday.

Following worship today, we will have our first "What Happens Next" conversation. All are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas to the conversation. This is intended as an informal discussion, rather than a formal meeting.

First Lutheran has duties tomorrow and Thursday at The Sharing Kitchen. Volunteers are still needed!

Bible Study on Tuesday will be meeting at a new time. **All are welcome to attend this 10:30 AM group, meeting in the church Library.**

The Youth Group wishes to thank all who helped or contributed in any way to the Annual Pancake Dinner. \$350 in a freewill offering was gratefully accepted by the youth, who did an outstanding job greeting, seating, serving attendees and delivering take-out orders.

Please remember that Mid-week Lenten worship will take place each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM

Today's Worship Leaders

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Victor Welsch</i>	<i>Facebook Camera:</i>	<i>Wendy Bailey</i>
<i>Host:</i>	<i>Nominee Family</i>	<i>SlideShow Creator:</i>	<i>Pastor Bailey</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Shelley Ross</i>	<i>SlideShow Operator:</i>	<i>Andrew Bailey</i>
<i>Guest Pianist:</i>	<i>Char Pope</i>	<i>Worship Assistant:</i>	<i>Shelley Ross</i>
<i>Director of Music:</i>	<i>Curtis L. King</i>	<i>Today's Officiant:</i>	<i>Pastor Bailey</i>

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship
"Apart...yet Together"
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.
THANK YOU!



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"God is among us!"
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."

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