

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY  
*In Lent*

MARCH 19, 2023

# ***PRELUDE***

*Michael Burkhardt*

*NAAR MIT ÖIE*

*Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

*Please stand.*

## ***THE CALL TO WORSHIP***

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**L:** As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

**C:** **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

**L:** When shall I come and appear before God?

**C:** **My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" ...**

**L:** By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,

**C:** **And at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**

**L:** I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?"

**C:** **Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"**

**L:** As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me,

**C:** **While they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"**

**L:** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

**C:** **Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

# ***THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION***

- P: The Samaritan woman met Jesus as he rested beside the well. Jesus knew that this woman had not lived according to God's commandments, but he graciously invited her to drink of the water of eternal life. We do not live according to God's commands as we should, yet he looks on us in grace and love. Let us come before him, confident in his steadfast love, to confess our sins and ask his forgiveness.
- C: Almighty God, daily we sin against your commandments. We turn away from your Word and ways as we thirst after pleasures and temptations to satisfy our own desires. We are sorry for our sins and we thirst for your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**
- P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto himself, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. 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.

# COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

## LBW 301



- 1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, sin - ners, ru - ined by the fall;
- 2 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, im - po - tent, and blind;
- 3 Those who drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul re - new - ing flood.



here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain flows to you, to me, to all,  
here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion, here the trou - bled peace may find.  
God is faith - ful; God will nev - er break his cov - e - nant of blood,



in a full per - pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
Health this foun - tain will re - store; those who drink shall thirst no more.  
signed when our re - deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: NAAR MIT OIE, Ludwig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

## ***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, the woman of Samaria came to the well that day seeking only the refreshment of ordinary, earthly water. Jesus offered to her what he offers to us, the life-giving water that wells up within us and overflows into eternal life. You refresh us with your Spirit so that we will never thirst again. As the woman told others in her town that she had found the Messiah, lead us to be faithful witnesses for our Lord, so that people will believe in Jesus as their Savior and receive through him the refreshment of forgiveness and eternal life. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### ***READING FROM ISAIAH***

***55:1-3***

**R:** A reading from Isaiah the 55<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

**R:** The Word of the Lord!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

# ***A READING FROM REVELATION***

***7:9-17***

R: A reading from Revelation the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

R: The Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# ***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## ***THE GOSPEL***

## ***JOHN 4:7-26***

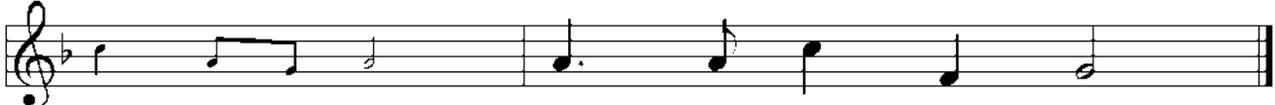
P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C:   
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P: A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord!

**C:**   
Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## AMAZING grace

*Voice of the Woman at the Well—Angela Nominee*

*Please stand.*

### ***I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY ELW 611***



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

# ***THE APOSTLES' CREED***

L: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith as expressed through 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***

*David N. Johnson*

### ***WONDROUS LOVE***

# *AMAZING GRACE*

## *ELW 779*

*Verses 1,4*

### Verse 1

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.

### Verse 4

The Lord has promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

*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: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

**C: They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."**

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:

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

The image shows a musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of three phrases: 'A - men,' (quarter note A, quarter note G, quarter note F), 'a - men,' (quarter note A, quarter note G, quarter note F), and 'a - men.' (quarter note A, quarter note G, quarter note F). The notes are connected by slurs, and there are rests between the words.

Please stand.

# WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

## ELW 666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

# ***THE SENDING***

**P:** Go in peace! Serve in love!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

# ***POSTLUDE***

*Nicholas Fairbanks*

*Variations on KINGSFOLD*

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

*Variation 1. Vivo*

*Variation 9 Finale*

## *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>Amy Mills</i>	<i>SlideShow Operator:</i>	<i>Andrew Bailey</i>
<i>Woman at Well:</i>	<i>Angela Nominee</i>	<i>Worship Assistant:</i>	<i>John Kobelt</i>
<i>Director of Music:</i>	<i>Curtis L. King</i>	<i>Today's Officiant:</i>	<i>Rev. C. J. 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, for-

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