

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

MARCH 26, 2023

# ***PRELUDE***

*Robert J. Powell*

*Prayerful Preludes, Set 5*

*MARTYRDOM*

*I. Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

*Please stand.*

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

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

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

**L:** The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C:** **He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

**L:** He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**C:** **Nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

**L:** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**C:** **As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

**L:** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

**C:** **For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

## ***THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION***

**P:** The Lord remembers that we are dust. He knows our fallen sinfulness and calls us to repent of our sins. Paul, who once persecuted the church, rejoiced in the grace he received and the mercy shown to him. Let us confess our sins to God and ask that he would show mercy to us.

**C:** **Almighty God, with Paul we too are foremost in sin. We sin against you daily. With our words and actions, we hurt others,**

even those in the body of Christ, our brothers and sisters in faith. We turn from your Word and your ways to follow the path of our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

P: The Lord remembers that we are dust; he knows our sinful frame. He has shown grace to his servant Paul and to us through the gift of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus took our sins onto himself and carried them to the cross. 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.

## *ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED* *ELW 337*



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?  
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

# ***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, even though Paul persecuted your church, arrested the faithful and approved of their deaths, you called him to be an ambassador for your kingdom, sending him into the world to spread the good news of salvation in Jesus. You have looked on us in grace and you have forgiven our sins. Help us to live in repentant humility and ever seek your mercy. By the power of your Spirit, lead us to grow in faith and in the knowledge of your Word so that we too can serve as faithful witnesses to our Savior's love. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## ***READING FROM ISAIAH***

***53:1-6***

**R:** A reading from Isaiah the 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

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

# *A READING FROM 1TIMOTHY*

*1:12-17*

R: A reading from First Timothy the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

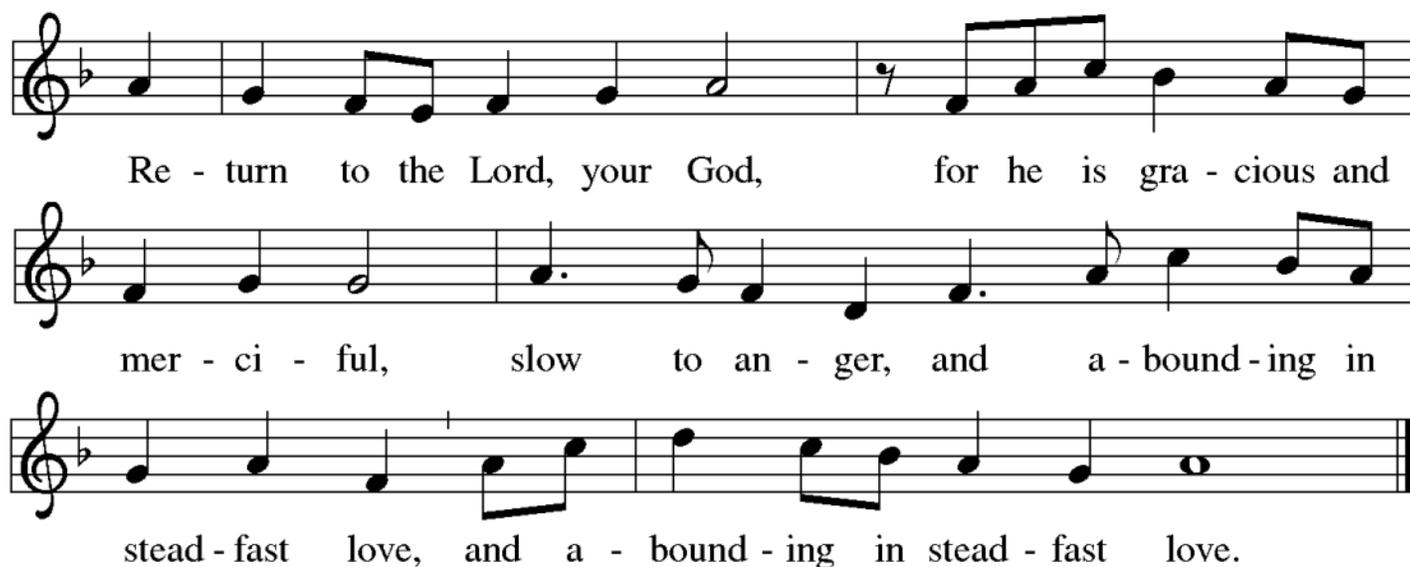
I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

R: The Word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## *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

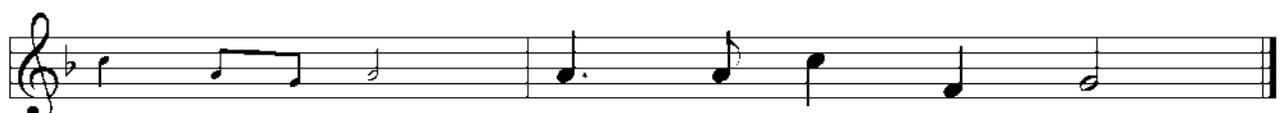
# MARK 2:13-17

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

C:   
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P: He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C:   
Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## REFLECTION

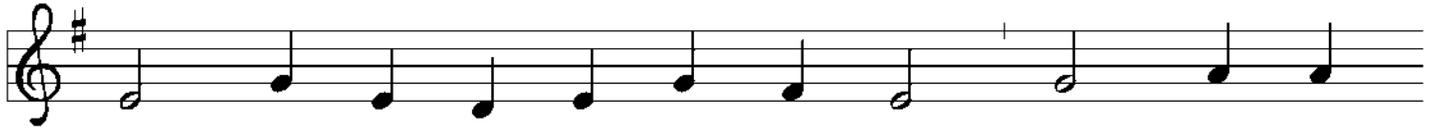
Pastor Clayton J. Bailey



*McClain Meyer as the Voice of Paul*

Please stand.

**LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST  
IN YOUR WORD  
ELW 517**



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug. *Geistliche Lieder*. 1543

# ***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***

*Paul Mickelson*

*NEW BRITAIN*

*Amazing Grace*



# ***AMAZING GRACE***

## ***ELW 779***

*Verses 1,5*

### *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 5*

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*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: He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

C: **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

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.

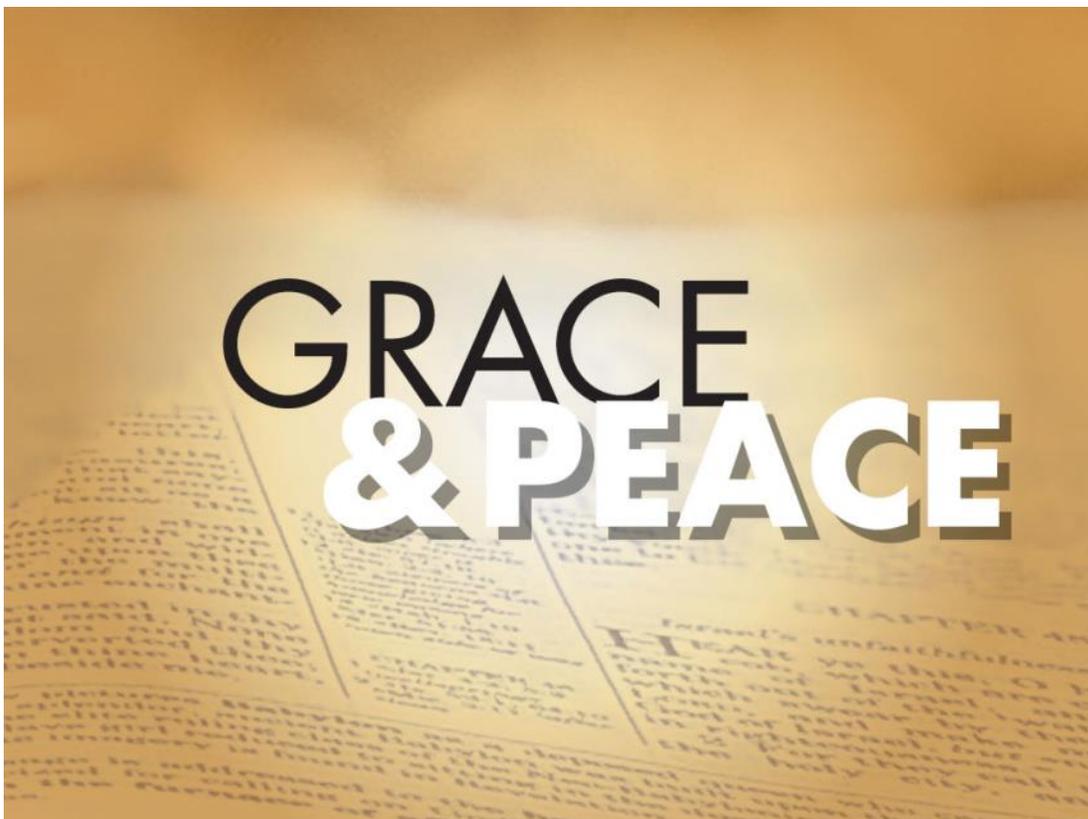
C:



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

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating that the notes are sustained across the words.

*Please stand.*



# *CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING*

## *ELW 339*



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878. alt.  
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cational*, Darmstadt, 1687

# ***THE SENDING***

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

**C:** Thanks be to God!

# ***POSTLUDE***

*Fredrich Wilhelm Zachau*

*JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN*

*Fughetta on Christ, the Life of All the Living*

## *Today's Worship Leaders*

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Victor Welsch</i>	<i>Facebook Camera:</i>	<i>Wendy Bailey</i>
<i>Host:</i>	<i>Ross Family</i>	<i>SlideShow Creator:</i>	<i>Pastor Bailey</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Beth Margraf</i>	<i>SlideShow Operator:</i>	<i>Andrew Bailey</i>
<i>Voice of Paul:</i>	<i>McClain Meyer</i>	<i>Worship Assistant:</i>	<i>Beth Margraf</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,  
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."

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