

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT

March 5, 2023

PRELUDE

Diptych on SOUTHWELL

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

I. SOUTHWELL David M. Cherwien

II. SOUTHWELL Charles W. Ore

Please stand.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C: **Amen.**

L: O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

C: **Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.**

L: My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?

C: **Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.**

L: For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

C: **I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears;**

L: **I drench my couch with my weeping.**

C: **My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.**

L: Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

C: **The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: A son received a generous inheritance, but wasted it all in sinful living. He acknowledged his sin and returned in humble repentance, seeking his father's mercy. Our gracious heavenly Father has given us so much, but we too have misused his gifts and wasted what we have received. Humbly repenting of our sins, we ask his forgiveness.
- C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are not always thankful for the gifts we have received, the gifts of family, home, work and friends. Daily we choose to follow paths that may lead us away from you, the pathways of our own desires. We turn away from your will and your Word. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who took up the path of the cross for us.**
- P: The father welcomed his wayward son and celebrated his return, saying, "My son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." God our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, showering us with his grace through Jesus, who suffered the penalty of death for our sins. 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.

OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED

ELW 606



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: *HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN*, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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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. Heavenly Father, in Jesus' parable, the father showed grace to his lost son, welcoming his son home even though he did not deserve such a welcome. You showed your grace to us when we were lost and dead in sin. You sent your only Son to seek and to save the lost. You are our Father and, in Christ, you welcome us back to yourself, forgiving our sins for Jesus' sake. So many people are still lost in the darkness of sin. Empower us with your Spirit to share with them the good news that Jesus died to save them and that you are eagerly waiting to welcome them home. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING FROM JOEL

2:12-13

R: A reading from Joel the 2nd chapter.

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM EPHESIANS

2:1-10

R: A reading from Ephesians the 2nd chapter.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of

disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

LUKE 15:11-32

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15th chapter.

C: A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The lyrics "Glo - ry to you, O Lord." are written below the staff, with hyphens under "Glo" and "ry", and "to" and "you" aligned with the notes above them.

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

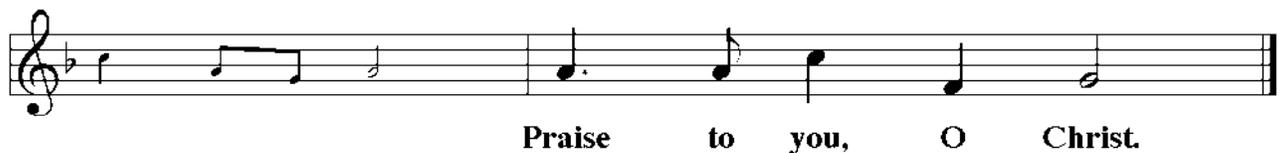
“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead,

and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C:



Please be seated

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Rev. Philip Scherr

AMAZING
grace

Please stand.

LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

ELW 599



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

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

Aaron David Miller

ARMOLAULU

For by Grace You Have Been Saved

AMAZING GRACE

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 2

“Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

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 receive 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: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

C: **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.**

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.

Please stand.

FOR BY GRACE, YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED ELW 598



1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your
2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my
3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I'll ac - cept now in my -



own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have
own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my
self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my -



done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is
own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is
self. When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is



God's great gift. A - men.
God's great gift." A - men.
God's great gift. A - men. A - men.

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace! Serve in love!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Johannes Brahms

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Opus 122, No. 10

Today's Worship Leaders

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SlideShow Creator: Pastor Bailey

Lector: Rev. Phil Scherr

SlideShow Operator:

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Director of Music: Curtis L. King

Today's Officiant: Rev. Philip Scherr

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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