

MARCH 25, 2026 - LENT 5 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "Lamb of God" tune *Angelus*, setting by David Johnson.

Stand

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

sts. 1-2, 4, 7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Dialog

- P** As we follow Jesus through Lent, drawing near to the cross, we remember the reason he was born: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17).
- C** Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to be the Savior of the world. He is our Savior.
- P** We are sinners who deserve judgment, but God saves us by grace, his undeserved favor for sinners: "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" (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- C** Almighty God, by your grace we are saved!

P Jesus, the Savior who gave his life for us, has promised: “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life” (John 5:24).

C **Dear Savior, by your death and resurrection you have brought us from death into life.**

P Now we live and grow in the grace of God, the grace poured out on us through Jesus: “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen” (2 Peter 3:18).

C **Lord, lead us by your Spirit to grow in grace, in faith and in the knowledge of your Word.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Lord Jesus, as we follow you through Lent, we see you willingly take your final steps to the cross. We deserve God’s wrath and condemnation for our sins, but in love and grace you took that judgment onto yourself. You bore our sins in your body on the cross, suffering the death that we deserve. By grace through faith in your holy name, we receive your gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Teach us to live so that we reflect your love for others and make us bold witnesses for you. In your name. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Verse for Lent

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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.

Holy Gospel

John 8:2-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²Early in the morning [Jesus] came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ⁶This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

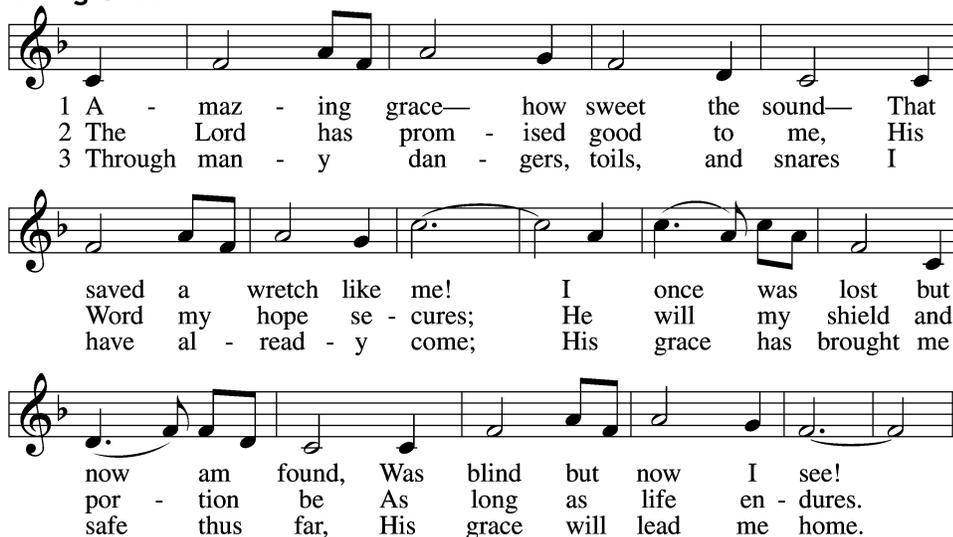
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

744 Amazing Grace

sts. 1-3



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

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Sermon

Anthem - “*Be Still My Soul*” by Jean Sibelius, arranged by Bonam; Chelsea Da Paz, flute soloist.

Kneel

Prayers

- P** Lord God, in your holy Word we learn of people who deserved your judgment but instead received your grace and forgiveness. We, too, deserve judgment, but you have chosen us by grace to be your holy people. Lord God, we praise you for your grace and steadfast love.
- C** **We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.**
- P** Lord God, the people of Nineveh deserved your wrath and judgment, yet at the preaching of Jonah they repented and received your forgiveness. Teach us, Lord, to repent of our sins as they did. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Lord God, we praise you for your grace and steadfast love.
- C** **We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.**
- P** Lord God, the woman caught in adultery was condemned by the religious leaders, who hoped to trap Christ in his response to her sin. Yet, Jesus did not condemn her. Teach us to regard others with love and compassion as we reflect the love of Christ to the people around us. Lord God, we praise you for your grace and steadfast love.
- C** **We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.**
- P** Lord God, we are fallen, sinful people. We do not deserve your forgiveness, yet in love and grace you have called us to be your own holy people in Baptism. In the washing of water and the Word, we are buried with Christ and raised to new life in him. You have brought us into the kingdom of our Savior and adopted us as your children. Lord God, we praise you for your grace and steadfast love.
- C** **We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.**
- P** Lord God, hear our prayers on behalf of those who are suffering through illness, grief and fear. Look on them in love and grace, and comfort them with the promises of your Word. According to your will, bring them healing and hope. Lord God, we praise you for your grace and steadfast love.
- C** **We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

Benediction

LSB 183

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Stand

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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