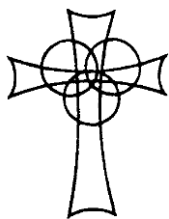


◆ I am a man of unclean lips, & I dwell ◆  
have seen the King, in the midst of a people  
**LORD**  
**THE**  
**OF HOSTS.**  
◆ of unclean lips: for mine eyes ◆

**Isaiah 6:5**



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***Lenten Midweek Vespers 2023***  
**Chronicles of God's Amazing Grace**

The Second Wednesday of Lent  
March 1, 2023



**The Office of Vespers  
in the Season of Lent**

*Lutheran Service Book Page 229ff*

✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠



*A Silent Prayer as we gather for worship:*

*Open, Lord, my mouth to bless Your holy Name; cleanse my heart of any worthless, evil, or distracting thoughts; enlighten my understanding; give me wisdom and love necessary to pray with attention, reverence, and devotion. Father, let my prayer be heard in Your presence, for it is offered through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

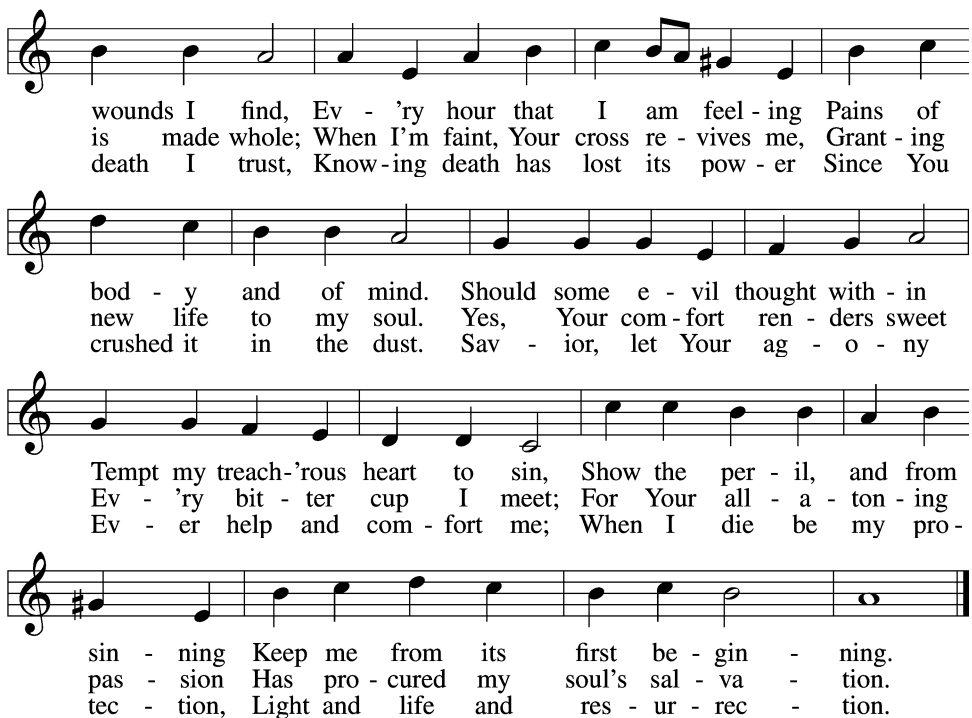
*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 421*

**“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”**

*We sing stanzas 1, 4, and 5*



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You

bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny

Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -

sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

*Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite, alt.*

*Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758*

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The Opening Versicles and *Gloria Patri*:

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
  
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
  
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

*The Congregation is seated.*

✻ The Psalmody ✻

The Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 32; antiphon: verse 7*

- P** <sup>Ant.</sup> You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- P** <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- C** <sup>2</sup> **Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P** <sup>3</sup> For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- C** <sup>4</sup> **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- P** <sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- C** <sup>6</sup> **Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.**
- P** <sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- C** <sup>8</sup> **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**
- P** <sup>9</sup> Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.
- C** <sup>10</sup> **Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

**P** <sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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

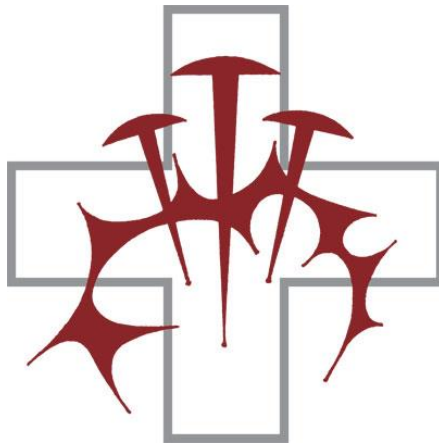
**P** <sup>Ant.</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

*Silence is kept for a time of meditation on the Word*

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our heavenly Father, with whom is grace and much forgiveness, be merciful to us who were born in sin and fall short every day. Forgive us our many transgressions and account them against us no more, but make us Your heirs through Him who was delivered into death for our offenses and raised again for our justification, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**



The Office Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 531

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er  
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
 Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast  
 to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed  
 to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
 full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en  
 at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;  
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
 Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the  
 There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us  
 All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
 gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

*Text (sts. 1, 3–4): Hymns Addressed to the Holy, Holy, Holy, Triune God, 1757, London, alt.; (sts. 2–4): A Collection of Psalms and Hymns, 1760, London, alt.*

*Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen*

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## ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The First Reading

*Isaiah 6:1-8***P** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 6.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>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!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.**C** Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

*Romans 10:5-17***P** A reading from Romans, chapter 10.

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### The Third Reading

*Matthew 9:35-38*

**P** A reading from Matthew, chapter 9.

<sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### The Responsory for Lent:

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**P** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

**P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

**C** **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

### The Sermon

Chronicles of God’s Amazing Grace  
Isaiah: Grace for the Despairing  
Text: Isaiah 6:1-8



✠ The Canticle ✠

*The Congregation rises.*

The Canticle at Vespers: *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46b-55; antiphon: 2 Corinthians 6:2c*

- P** Behold, now is the favorable time;  
**C** **behold, now is the day of salvation.**
- P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;  
**C** **for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.**
- P** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
**C** **For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;**
- P** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.  
**C** **He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**
- P** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.  
**C** **He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.**
- P** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.  
**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Behold, now is the favorable time;  
**C** **behold, now is the day of salvation.**

✠ The Prayers ✠

*The Kyrie Eleison:*

- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Christ,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**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 Salutation and Collects:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

*The Collect for the First Week in Lent:*

**P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The Collect for the Lenten Season:*

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Other Prayers and Intercessions may be offered.*

*The Collect of Intercession:*

- P** Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and be present with all, for Your love's sake.
- C** **Amen.**

*The Collect for Peace:*

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The *Benedicamus* and Blessing:

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 889

“Before the Ending of the Day”



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day,                      Cre - a - tor of the  
 2 From all the ter - rors of the night,                      From e - vil dreams de -  
 △ 3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done                      Through Je - sus Christ, Thine



world, we pray!                      Thy grace and peace to us al - low  
 fend our sight;                      Drive far a - way our wick - ed foe  
 on - ly Son,                      Who with the Ho - ly Ghost and Thee



And be our guard and keep - er now.  
 That stain of sin we may not know.  
 Both lives and reigns e - ter - nal - ly.                      A - men.

*Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.*

*Tune: Benedictine plainsong, mode VI*

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Dismissal:

- P** Let us go in peace.
- C** In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

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## The Sacred Season of Lent 2023

*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!*

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 744:1*

This year marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the writing of what some may call “America’s Favorite Hymn”—*Amazing Grace*. What is interesting about this statement is that America can only claim half of the hymn. The tune that this text has been wedded came from a nineteenth century American collection of hymns known as the *Columbian Harmony*, published almost 50 years after the words of the hymn appeared in 1773—in England, three years before our nation’s independence.

The author of the hymn was John Newton: an Englishman, former dissolute slave ship captain, convert to Christianity, and Anglican priest. He wrote the hymn for his congregation in Olney, England where it was first sung on New Year’s Day, 1773. The text grew out of Newton’s sermon for that day on “Faith’s Review and Expectation” from the text 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, where King David says: “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that You have brought me thus far?” The hymn is very much a reflection not only of this text, but also of the life and conversion of the believer who wrote these words.

It is a hymn that is well known and loved by many believers who have also come to see themselves in these words, laying claim to the amazing love and mercy of God who gives them forgiveness, life, and salvation.

What is interesting though about this hymn is that because of the faith of its author and the faith which countless Christians have sung these words, the Source of this Amazing Grace has always been thought to be implied in the hymn, even though the words in it never directly reveal it, not even mentioning the person and work of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Perhaps it is for this reason that the folksinger, Joan Baez, who sang the song often in the 1960s, could say: “I never thought of it as a Christian song...I don’t think that anyone at the time thought of it as a religious song”.

The Season of Lent gives us the opportunity to contemplate anew not just the words of this great hymn but also to view again the very Source of the amazing grace of which we sing—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Savior, the One who in mercy has shown us the grace of God to sinners like you and me, restoring to us the life which sin lost us and assuring us that we belong to our loving God both now and forever.

Join us this Lent as we see in the lives of those we meet in the pages of Scripture how God showed his amazing grace to them and changed their lives, and how our gracious God abundantly and richly does the same for us each day of our lives.



## **Lenten Worship at Trinity – 2023**

### ***Chronicles of God's Amazing Grace***

*Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM*  
*Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM*

The Second Sunday in Lent – March 5, 2023

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Abraham: Grace for the Wandering – Genesis 12:1-9

The Third Wednesday of Lent – March 8, 2023

Lenten Vespers

Nicodemus: Grace for Those Seeking – John 3:1-17

The Third Sunday in Lent – March 12, 2023

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

The Woman at the Well: Grace for the Thirsting – John 4

The Fourth Wednesday of Lent – March 15, 2023

Lenten Vespers

The Prodigal Son: Grace for the Lost – Luke 15:11-32

The Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 19, 2023

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

The Blind Man: Grace for the Blind – John 9

The Fifth Wednesday of Lent – March 22, 2023

Lenten Vespers

Peter: Grace for the Fearful – Luke 22:54-62 & John 21:15-19

The Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 26, 2023

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Lazarus, Martha, & Mary: Grace for the Sorrowful – John 11

The Sixth Wednesday of Lent – March 29, 2023

Lenten Vespers

Paul: Grace for the Wretched – 1 Timothy 1:12-17



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – April 2, 2023

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday with the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, the Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint Matthew, and the celebration of Holy Communion

The Crowd: Grace for the Loveless – Matthew 27:15-26

Holy (Maundy) Thursday – April 6, 2023

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Confession and Absolution, the celebration of Holy Communion on the anniversary of its institution, and the Solemn Preparation of the Church for Good Friday

A Meal of Grace – Matthew 26:17-30

Good Friday – April 7, 2023

The Liturgy of Good Friday with the Adoration of the Cross, the Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint John, and the Solemn Prayers for the Church and the World

*Coup de Grace* – John 19:31-37

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day – April 9, 2023

The Festival Divine Service with Hymns, Special Music, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the celebration of Holy Communion

Amazing Grace: Now and Forever – Colossians 3:1-4

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