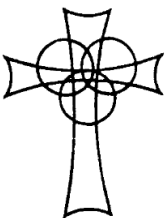




*And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.  
And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him,  
“Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.”*

Luke 22:61



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

The Fifth Wednesday of Lent  
March 22, 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 # 436*

*“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*



1	Go	to	dark	Geth -	sem -	a -	ne,	All	who	feel	the
2	Fol -	low	to	the	judg -	ment	hall,	View	the	Lord	of
3	Cal -	v'ry's	mourn -	ful	moun -	tain	climb;	There,	a -	dor -	ing
4	Ear -	ly	has -	ten	to	the	tomb	Where	they	laid	His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!  
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

*Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854*

*Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901*

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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 6; antiphon: verse 4*

- P** <sup>Ant.</sup>Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;  
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- P** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,  
nor discipline me in your wrath.
- C** <sup>2</sup>**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;  
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.**
- P** <sup>3</sup>My soul also is greatly troubled.  
But you, O LORD— how long?
- C** <sup>4</sup>**Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;  
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.**
- P** <sup>5</sup>For in death there is no remembrance of you;  
in Sheol who will give you praise?
- C** <sup>6</sup>**I am weary with my moaning;  
every night I flood my bed with tears;  
I drench my couch with my weeping.**
- P** <sup>7</sup>My eye wastes away because of grief;  
it grows weak because of all my foes.
- C** <sup>8</sup>**Depart from me, all you workers of evil,  
for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.**
- P** <sup>9</sup>The LORD has heard my plea;  
the LORD accepts my prayer.
- C** <sup>10</sup>**All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;  
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.**
- 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>Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;  
save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

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

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, God of mercy, forgive us all our sins for the sake of the bitter sufferings of Your Son. Grant us a triumphant faith by which we may obtain the victory in all afflictions and temptations, and uphold us by Your grace when we must pass through the valley of the shadow of death; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

The Office Hymn

*The Lutheran Hymnal Hymn # 358*

“Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee”

*We sing stanzas 1-4*



1 Lamb of God, we fall be - fore Thee, Hum - bly trust - ing in Thy Cross.  
 2 Thee we own a per - fect Sav - ior, On - ly Source of all that's good.  
 3 Je - sus gives us true re - pen - tance By His Spir - it sent from heav'n;



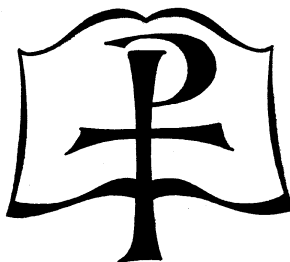
That a - lone be all our glo - ry; All things else are on - ly dross.  
 Ev - 'ry grace and ev - 'ry fa - vor Comes to us thro' Je - sus' blood.  
 Whis - pers this trans - port - ing sen - tence, "Son, thy sins are all for - giv'n."

4. Faith He grants us to believe it,  
 Grateful hearts His love to prize;  
 Want we wisdom? He must give it,  
 Hearing ears and seeing eyes.

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✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The First Reading

*Isaiah 57:15-19*

**P** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 57.

<sup>15</sup>For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,  
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
“I dwell in the high and holy place,  
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly,  
and to revive the heart of the contrite.  
<sup>16</sup>For I will not contend forever,  
nor will I always be angry;  
for the spirit would grow faint before me,  
and the breath of life that I made.  
<sup>17</sup>Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry,  
I struck him; I hid my face and was angry,  
but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.  
<sup>18</sup>I have seen his ways, but I will heal him;  
I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners,  
<sup>19</sup>creating the fruit of the lips.  
Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the LORD,  
“and I will heal him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

*Romans 5:6-11*

**P** A reading from Romans, chapter 5.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Third Reading

*Luke 22:31-34, 54-62*

**P** A reading from Luke, chapter 22.

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said to Peter,] “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” <sup>33</sup>Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.” ...

<sup>54</sup>Then [the crowd] seized [Jesus] and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house, and Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” <sup>58</sup>And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” <sup>59</sup>And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup>And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” <sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

**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

Peter: Grace for the Fearful

Text: Luke 22:54-62 and John 21:15-19

✠ 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.

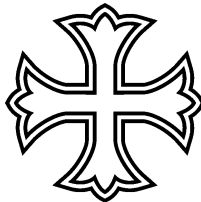
**C** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

**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 Fourth Week in Lent:*

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 # 883*

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”



1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the  
 2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that  
 3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as  
 4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,  
 I this day have done, That with the world, my -  
 lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that  
 sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.  
 self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
 so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.  
 vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,  
 My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
 Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
 No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

*The Hymn concludes on the next page...*

△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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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.**

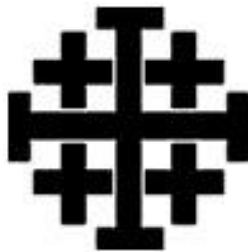
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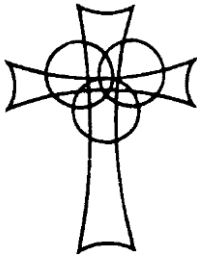
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## **Lenten Worship at Trinity – 2023**

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

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

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

Amazing Grace

how sweet the sound





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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