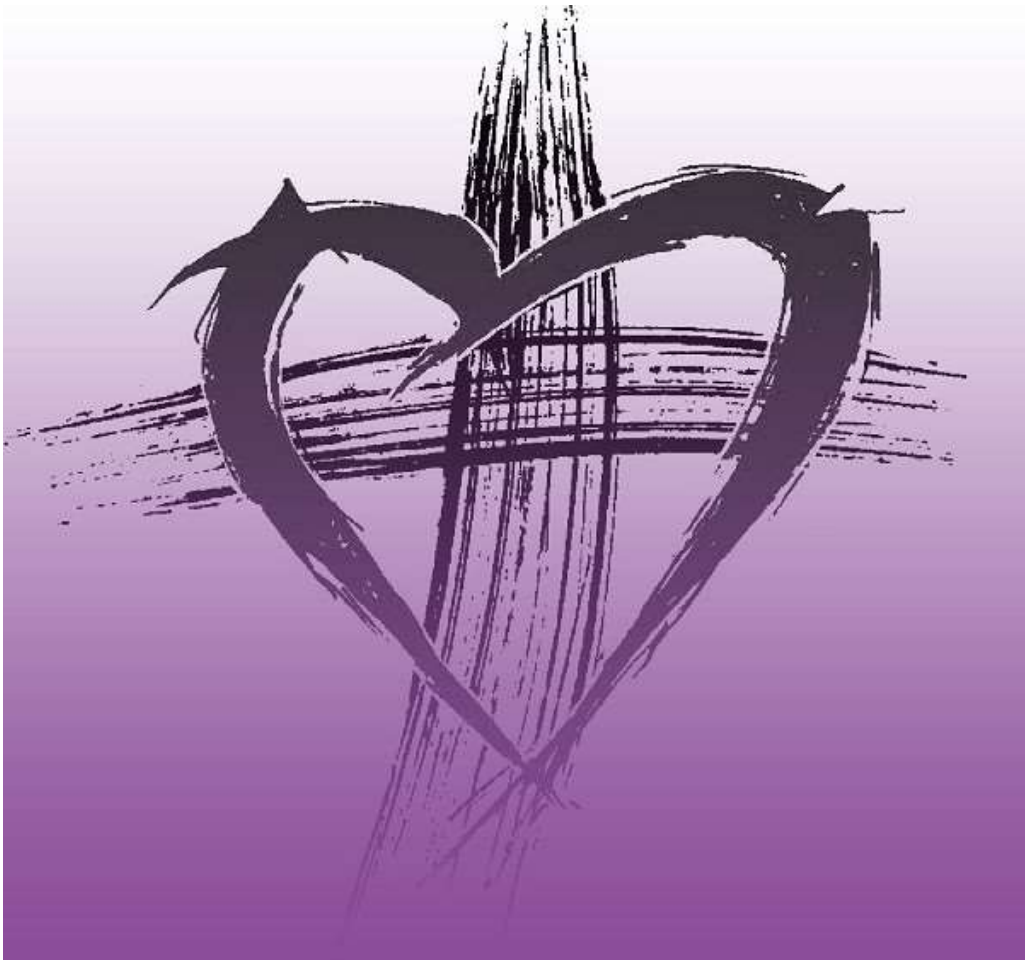


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Midweek Lenten Service 6

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“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8



WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS

Welcome to Grace!
We're Glad You've Joined Us!

- **Worship bags for preschoolers** (age 3-6) are available from the pencil coat tree in the narthex. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding them.
- Children are **always** welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our lower level where there is a monitor so you may still follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again!
- **Regular and Large Print editions** of our bulletins are available from the ushers. Please follow along in our service today using your bulletin and the **Lutheran Service Book**. For your convenience, **our worship service will also be shown on the screens to the left and right of the chancel.**
- If you would like to include a **prayer for someone** in our worship today, please add it to the Prayer Request Sheet found on the podium in the narthex.
- **A few minutes prior to the start of worship**, our organist will begin playing the "Prelude". At this time we set aside our personal conversations and use this as a time to prepare for worship. Consider offering a silent prayer (sample prayers are offered on the opening page of our hymnal), reading through the Scripture lessons for the day, or listening to the music as we prepare ourselves to enter God's presence through Word and Sacrament.
- **We're glad you're with us.** Please introduce yourself to Pastor Uttenreither. If you are in search of a new church home, or are interested in learning more about Grace, we would be happy to visit with you. We hope you'll be back and give us an opportunity to know you!

As We Gather

In hearing about Abraham from the early history of God's people, we receive more than a history lesson. Abraham is a strong example of faith at work. Faith takes God at His word and believes His promises. Through the invocation at the beginning of our worship, we set ourselves before the God who keeps His promises. One of those promises is to hear our prayers and praises. Such a great promise that is!

Stand

- L O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- L 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.**

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 43 (antiphon: v.5)

Send Out Your Light and Your Truth

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man
deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you rejected me?
Why do I go about mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?

Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 Come into the daylight's splendor,
 There with joy your praises render.
 Bless the One whose grace unbounded
 This amazing banquet founded;
 He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
 Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
 And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
 For with words of life immortal
 He is knocking at your portal.
 Open wide the gates before Him,
 Saying, as you there adore Him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
 That I nevermore will leave You.

- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
 Neither cost nor pain will measure;
 But the priceless gifts of heaven
 God to us has freely given.
 Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
 None could buy the gifts here offered:
 Christ's true body, for you riven,
 And His blood, for you once given.

- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
 Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless

Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Readings

Readings From Holy Scripture

A reading from Acts chapter 2

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe^[d] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from Revelation chapter 3

¹⁴“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

¹⁵“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and

repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

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

Responsory (Lent)

LSB 231

- L 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.**
L 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.**
L 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.**

Sermon

- L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
C **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

933 My Soul Rejoices (My Soul Rejoices)

LSB 933

- 1 My soul rejoices,
My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior
Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing,
Join in confessing
God, who is solely
Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

His mercy surely
Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him,
Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

2 His arm now baring,
His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters,
Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted;
The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry;
Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token
All that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring
God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

Prayer

Kyrie

LSB 233

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

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.

Collects

- L O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

- P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Peace

- L 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.

Benedicamus

LSB 234

- L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234

- P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C Amen.