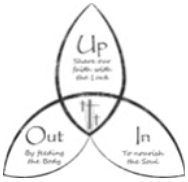
Welcome! WE PRAISE GOD FOR YOUR PRESENCE!

May the Holy Spirit bless our worship UP together
so we can leave IN peace and with hope in our hearts
as we follow Jesus OUT into the world.



FIRST TIME VISITOR?
Please introduce yourself to the Pastor, and sign the Record of Fellowship book as it is passed during the offering or the gathering area's Guest Book.

WORSHIP SERVICE
Please stand as you are able for the parts of worship that are indicated.

AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS
- Large print and children's bulletins
- Personal hearing receivers

WORSHIP SERVICE DVDs
Several of the past few week's services are available in the tract rack in the narthex for those who do not have access to the online worship services on YouTube or Facebook.

CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM, BATHROOM & CHANGING TABLE
The Children's PlayRoom in the main hallway is available for your use. Changing tables are available in each bathroom. Families with small children may use the Fireside Room, if they wish, during the service. Audio of the service can be heard in this room. "Busy Bags" on the back pew in the sanctuary are also available. Please return to the back pew after the service.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Closed Friday

HOSPITAL VISITS
If you or somebody you know is hospitalized or dealing with an illness and would like a visit, please call the church office. The hospital or nursing home personnel are not able to notify us that you are there.

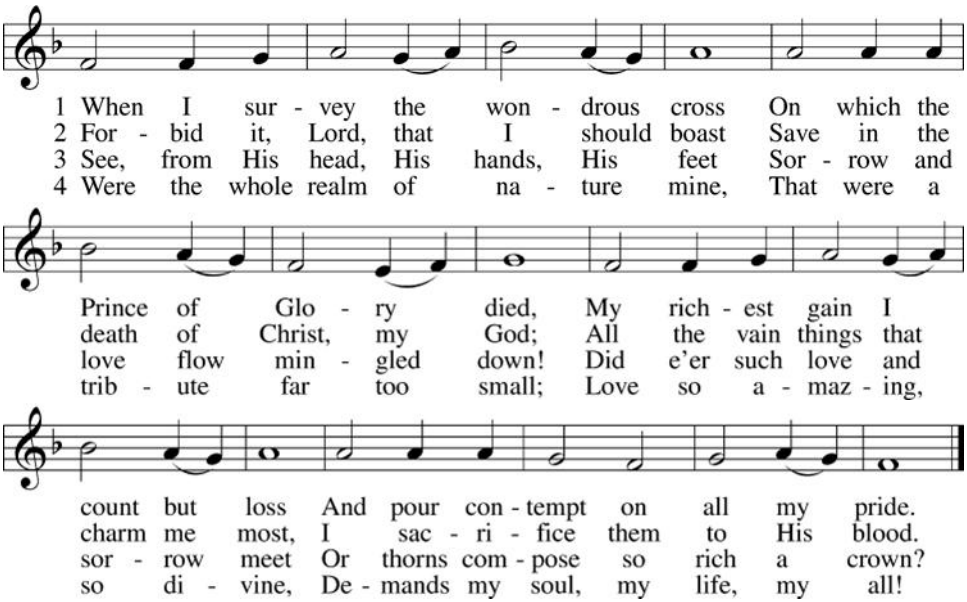
4th Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Announcements

Please stand

Hymn 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Opening Response Psalm 142

P With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

C **I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.**

P When my spirit faints within me, you know my way!
In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

C **Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me;**
no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

P I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

C **Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low!**
Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!

P Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name!
The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

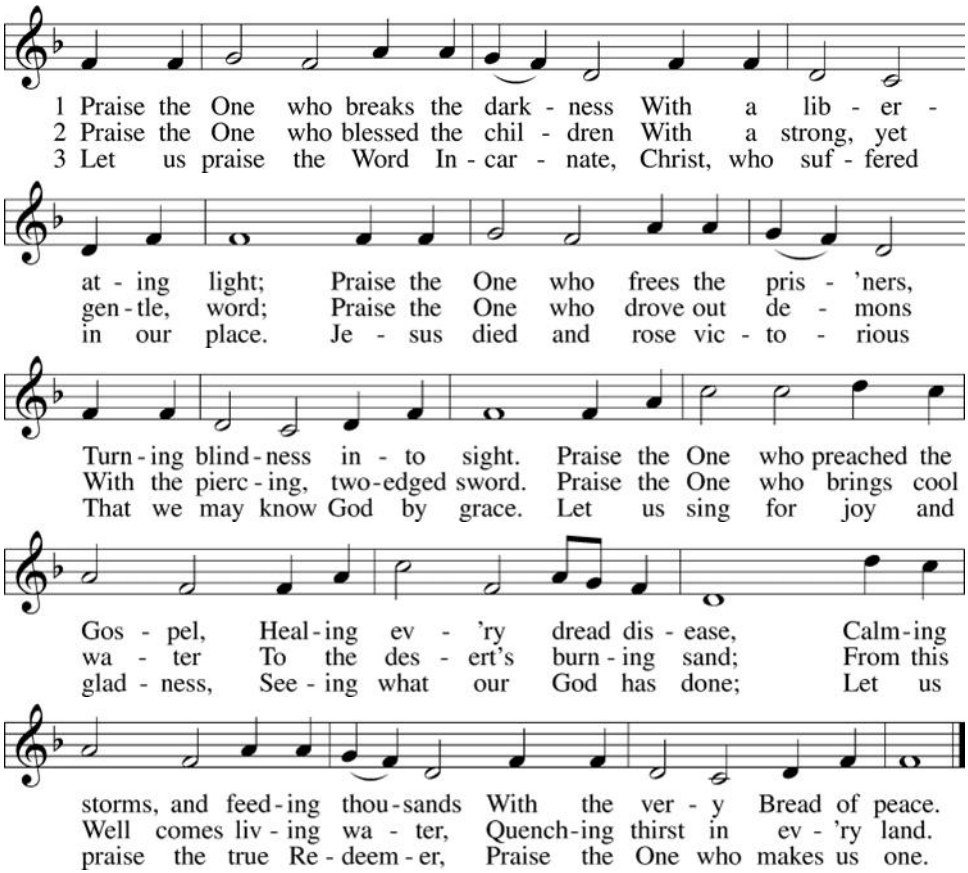
P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **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. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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Be seated

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 42:14–21*

[14]For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
[15]I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
[16]And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,

the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
[17]They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
"You are our gods."

[18]Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
[19]Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
[20]He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
[21]The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading *Ephesians 5:8–14*

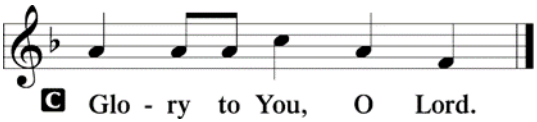
[8]For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light [9](for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), [10]and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. [11]Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. [12]For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. [13]But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, [14]for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Reading *John 9:1-41*

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

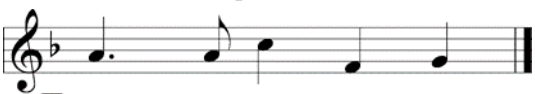


[1]As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2]And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" [3]Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. [4]We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. [5]As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." [6]Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud [7]and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

[8]The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar
were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"
[9]Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He
kept saying, "I am the man." [10]So they said to him, "Then how
were your eyes opened?" [11]He answered, "The man called Jesus
made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam
and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight."
[12]They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."
[13]They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. [14]Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. [15]So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." [16]Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. [17]So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."
[18]The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight [19]and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" [20]His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. [21]But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." [22](His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) [23]Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."
[24]So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." [25]He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." [26]They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" [27]He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" [28]And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.
[29]We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." [30]The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. [31]We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. [32]Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. [33]If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." [34]They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

[35]Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" [36]He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" [37]Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." [38]He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. [39]Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." [40]Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" [41]Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed *(on screen)*

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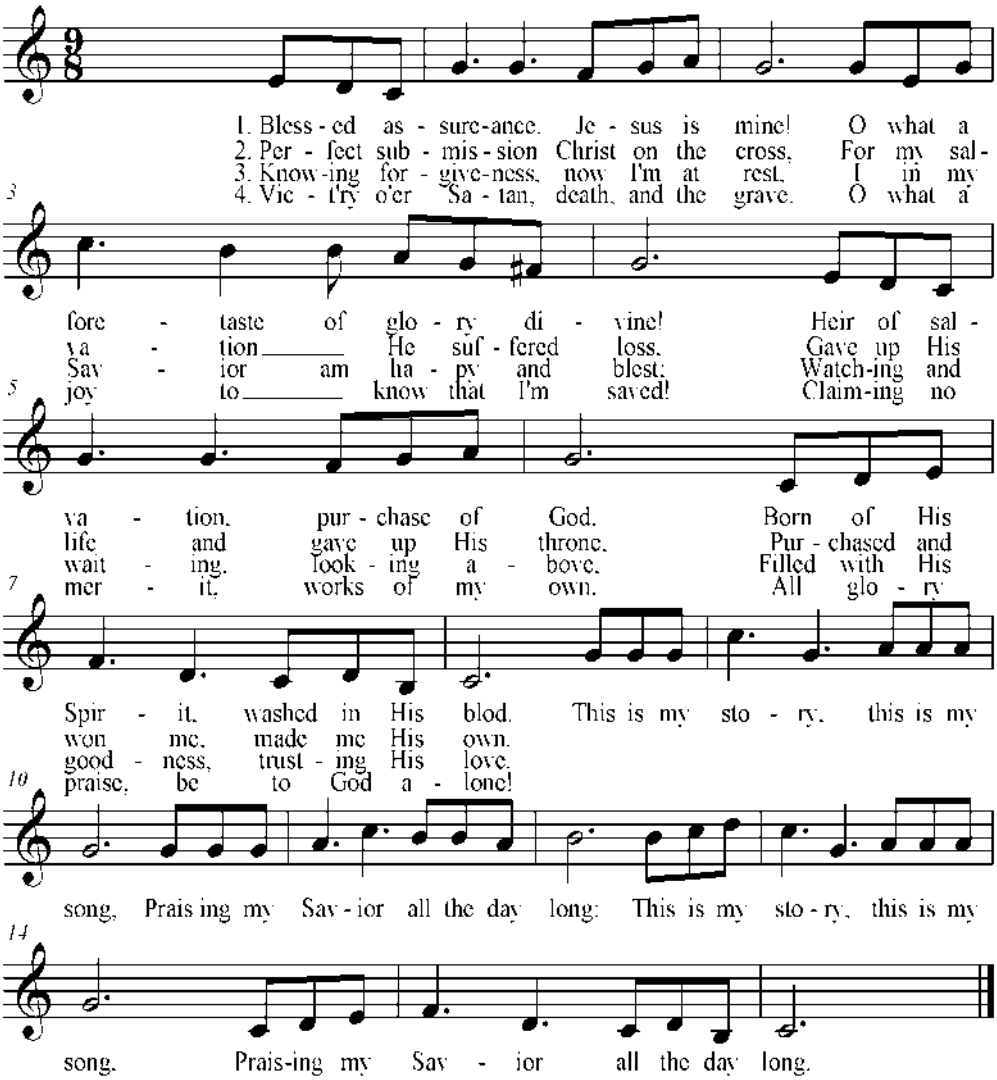
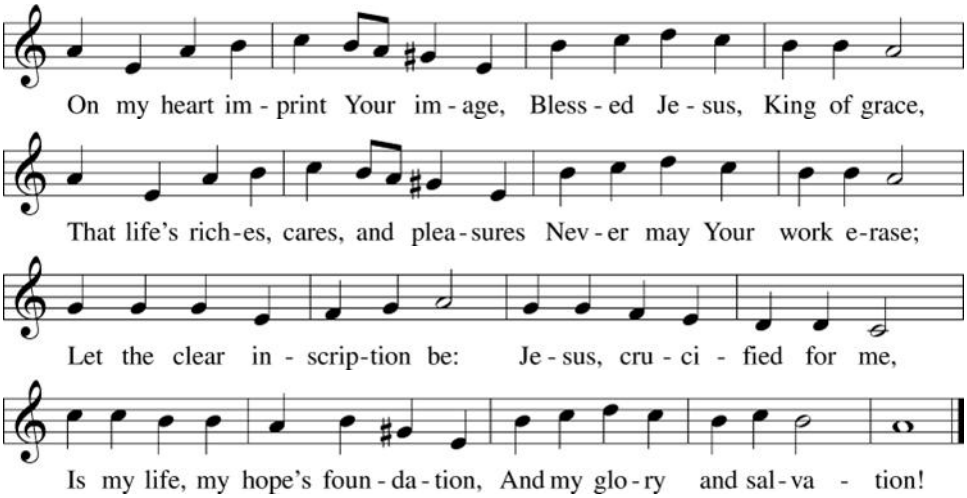
Sermon Hymn Blessed Assurance



Sermon

Offering / Offertory 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



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Prayers

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs…*(each petition concludes…*Lord in Your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 160*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth... be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer *(on screen)*

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

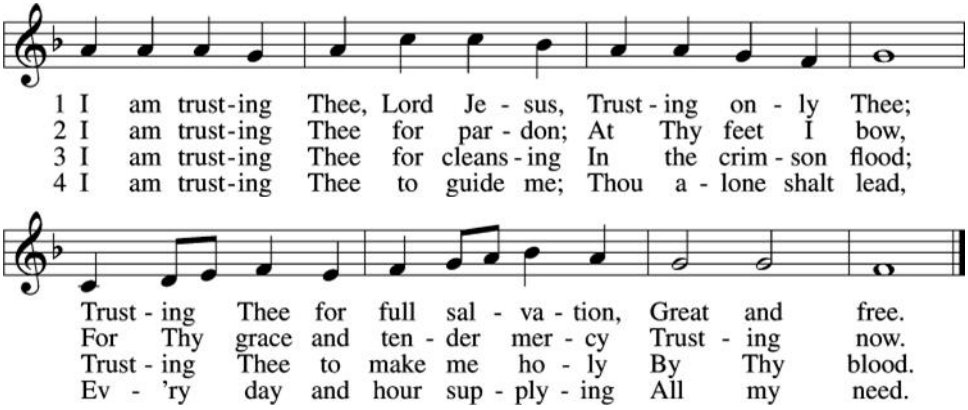
Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Be seated

The usher will direct you forward to those distributing communion. The center ring is grape juice. Gluten -free wafers are available upon request.

Hymn 729 I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus



5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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Communion Dismissal *LSB 164*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

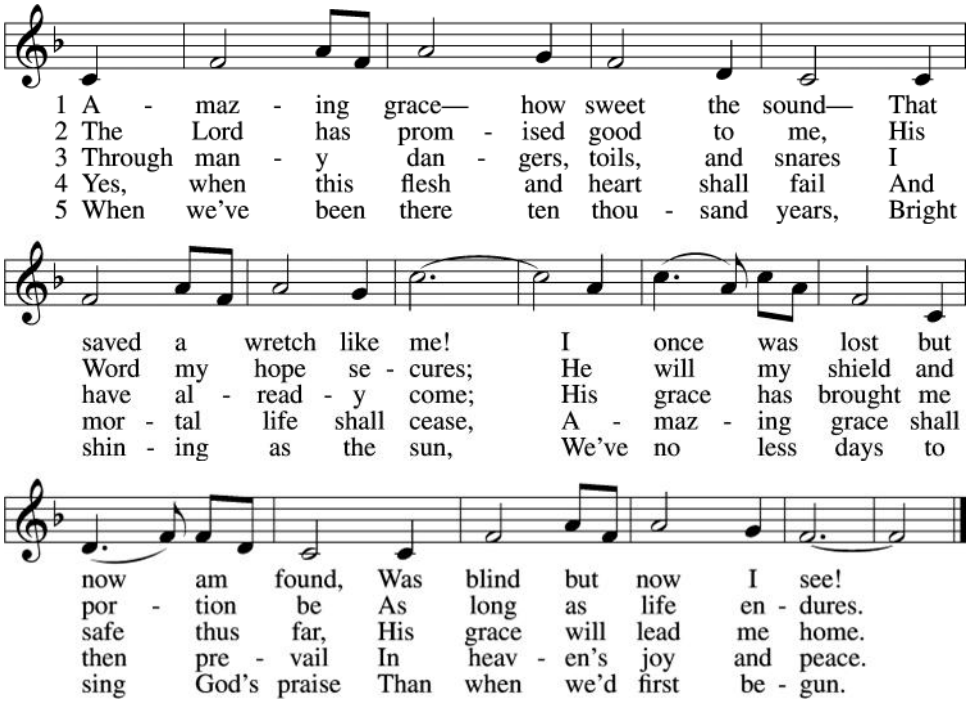
C **Amen.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

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.**

Closing Hymn 744 Amazing Grace



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The Sending

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Mid-Week @12noon and evenings @7pm,

March 19th - I AM the Truth! John 14:6

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Your prayer list for the week of March 15, 2026

For Disciples at Berea…

New Prayers for…

Penny Blomquist *(recovery, recent surgery),* **Jayden Davis** *(strength, ongoing cancer treatments)*

Ongoing Prayers for…

Recovery & Healing

Lauri Kaufman *(healing, recent eye surgery),* **Lon Ortner** *(recovery, recent stroke),* **Sue Ortner** *(healing, recent surgery),* **Rick Michaelis** *(recovery, recent pacemaker surgery),* **Terry Jesme** *(healing, recent surgery)*

Health ConcernsGeneral Strength, Healing, Comfort, Hope

Dale Zook *(recovering, regain strength),* **Randy Lusk** *(healing) ,* **Lynn Schuster** *(healing and recovery),* **Ryan Reichow** *(strength, healing),* **Syler Gaustad** *(health and sup-port),* **Paul Cordes** *(ongoing health),* **Barb Lusk** *(ongoing heart condition),* **Darlene Lehrke** *(healing, ongoing health),* **Bob Trushenski** *(ongoing health*), **Elaine Olson** *(ongoing recovery and health),* **Ginny Banks** *(ongoing health, strength),* **Gail Amundson** *(ongoing treatments),* **Heather Falak** *(Jeff & Diane Banks daughter - cancer treatments)*

For Friends and Family…

New Prayers for…

The Family of David Hessevick *(Robin Avery's brother, recent passing)*, **Howard Payne** ***(****Robert Barber's father – progressing dementia),* **Katherine Hines** *(Mother of Robert B.'s Children – Stage 4 cancer)*

Ongoing Prayers for…

Recovery, Healing, Strength, Protection

Vicki Frazier *(Adam's mother, recovery, recent surgery)***,** **Clay Frazier** *(Adam's dad, recovery, recent heart surgery)***,** **Nathan Lindquist** *(Dwight & Delores' grandson – beginning chemo treatments),* **Denise Jesme** *(Terry's SIL – recent diagnosis of lung cancer),* **Wayne Anderson** *(neighbor of Carol Lean – late stages of cancer),* **Audrey** *(Cathy Carlos' mother – in end of life care),* **Al Koesters** *(Kathleen's father - rehab and recovery),* **Delaney Anderson** *(Jack Carlos' cousin – now in PT after recent hospitalization),* **Donald Dohrer** *(Carol Lean's brother – ongoing health challenges),* **Diane Davis** *(former member- ongoing cancer treatments and lung issues),* **Anita Marso** *(Carol Lean's sister – healing),* **Avella** *(former Berea Child Care student — continued healing),* **Mel and Wanda Leber** *(Diane Banks parents – both diagnosed with cancer),* **Keith Gartland** *(Alexis Gartland's uncle – cancer treatments),* **Doug Gillespie** *(Friend of Jerry Gatz – cancer treatment)*

Health Concerns

Joan Kadin *(Congestive heart failure)*

Be present, we pray for our **missionaries: Chris & Michele Hickey, Josh & Ruth Wagner** and all those who witness for Christ in their daily lives.

We pray for our **Children's Care Ministry** team.

We pray for the local **organizations and missions** that serve the community, including Avivo.

We pray for all those **serving our military throughout the world, including Hannah Bordenave (Air Force) and Alex Tiaden (N-ROTC),** asking God's blessings for protection and strength of spirit.

We pray for all our **elected leaders, those who seek healing of our community and those who protect us** during these challenging times

We pray for our brothers and sisters with the **LaBarca** congregation, asking peace and safety for their members