



Midweek Lenten  
Worship Service

March 12, 2025

St. Paul Luthera Church  
Serbin, TX

## THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO CREATES AND SAVES

The God who is Creator of all came to save us from sin and death in the incarnate Son of Mary, Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is God. He first revealed Himself to Moses with the holy name "I AM," saying, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you'" (Exodus 3:14). When Jesus came to His disciples walking on the crashing waves of the sea of Galilee, He said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27). "It is I" is the same term for the divine name, "I AM." As He reached out His hand and grabbed the fearful, doubting, sinking Simon Peter, so does His compassionate hand save you in times of despair and helplessness. His greatest deliverance was when He allowed His hands to be nailed to a cross for your sins. As we are helpless like drowning Peter, our repentant prayer this day is in the words of the hymn, "Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling" (LSB 761:3).

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

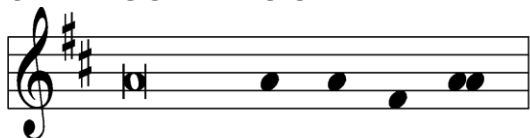
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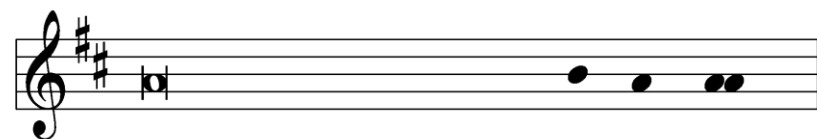
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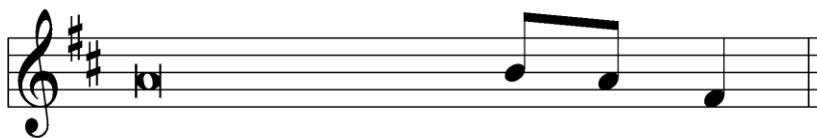
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

**PSALM**

**PSALM 8**



**☐ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in | all the earth!\***  
 You have set Your glory above the | heavens.  
 Out of the mouth of babes and infants,  
 You have established strength because | of Your foes,\*  
 to still the enemy and the a - | venger.  
 When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your | fingers,\*  
 the moon and the stars, which You have | set in place,  
 what is man that You are mind - | ful of him,\*  
 and the son of man that You | care for him?  
 Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\*  
 and crowned him with glory and | honor.  
 You have given him dominion over the works | of Your hands;\*  
 You have put all things under | his feet,  
 all sheep and | oxen,\*  
 and also the beasts | of the field,  
 the birds of the heavens, and the fish | of the sea,\*  
 whatever passes along the paths | of the seas.  
 O | LORD our Lord,\*  
 how majestic is Your name in | all the earth!

Sit

- 1 In silent pain the eternal Son  
Hangs derelict and still;  
In darkened day His work is done,  
Fulfilled, His Father’s will.  
Uplifted for the world to see  
He hangs in strangest victory,  
For in His body on the tree  
He carries all our ill.**
  
- 2 He died that we might die to sin  
And live for righteousness;  
The earth is stained to make us clean  
And bring us into peace.  
For peace He came and met its cost;  
He gave Himself to save the lost;  
He loved us to the uttermost  
And paid for our release.**
  
- 3 For strife He came to bring a sword,  
The truth to end all lies;  
To rule in us, our patient Lord,  
Until all evil dies:  
For in His hand He holds the stars,  
His voice shall speak to end our wars,  
And those who love Him see His scars  
And look into His eyes.**

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**READING**

**JOB 9:1–12**

**P** Then Job answered and said:

“Truly I know that it is so: But how can a man be in the right before God? If one wished to contend with Him, one could not answer Him once in a thousand times. He is wise in heart and mighty in strength—who has hardened himself against Him, and succeeded?—He who removes mountains, and they know it not, when He overturns them in His anger, who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea; who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south; who does great things beyond searching out, and marvelous things beyond number. Behold, He passes by me, and I see Him not; He moves on, but I do not perceive Him. Behold, He snatches away; who can turn Him back? Who will say to Him, ‘What are You doing?’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**READING**

**EPHESIANS 2:1–10**

**P** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among



**HYMN: ♪ "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"**

**LSB 543**

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
  
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
  
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
  
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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**SERMON: "THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO CREATES AND SAVES"**

By Pastor John Schmidt

*Stand*

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

- ♪** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

AS OFFERINGS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD THE CONGREGATION STANDS AND SINGS.

**OFFERING HYMN:**

*J* "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

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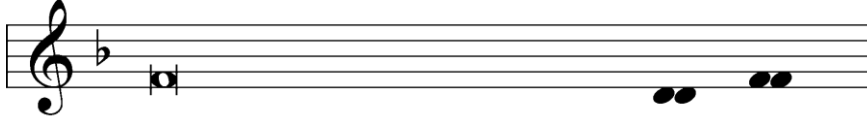
**1** We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

**2** May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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**ANTIPHON**

LSB 231



**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**G** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**MAGNIFICAT**

LSB 231



**G** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



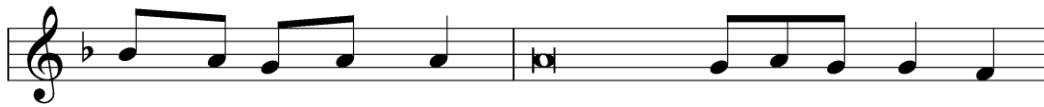
**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



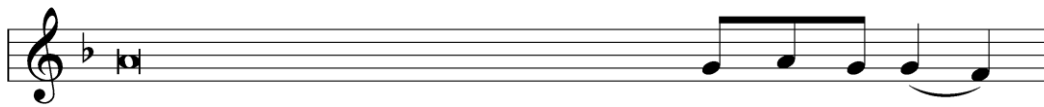
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



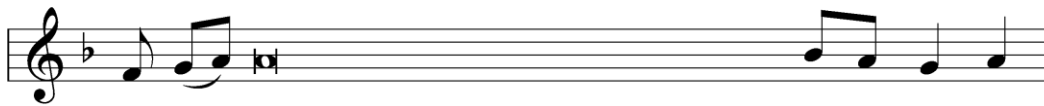
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

### KYRIE

**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

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to You.

**P** Let us pray.



O God, our Creator and Redeemer, "Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy Law's demands." Therefore "nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling." Increase our faith and trust in You that we may walk confidently amid the troubles and reverses of life, knowing that Your gracious hands are evermore leading us, guiding us, and saving us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**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, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**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.**

**C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**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.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

**LSB 234**



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

**LSB 234**



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN: ♪ "GLORY BE TO JESUS"**

**LSB 433**

- 1 **Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From His sacred veins!**
- 2 **Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind!**
- 3 **Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment  
Did the world redeem!**
- 4 **Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.**
- 5 **Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.**
- 6 **Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!**

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**SILENT PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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