

**LENT III**  
**March 3, 2024**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG: “United in Christ”**

**Verse 1**

People of the Lord come now and sing  
Every nation and tongue to Christ our King  
With empty hands His gifts receive

**Verse 2**

Whether young or old You're a child of God  
Whether rich or poor no matter what you got  
He gathers all at the foot of the cross

**Chorus**

His body broken makes this body whole  
His resurrection it assures us all  
No darkness nor doubting nor pain in this life  
Could keep us from being united in Christ

**Verse 3**

Sinners and saints you have a place  
With the Spirit's gifts proclaim His grace  
There's nothing too small  
To be used by the living God

**Bridge**

We are the body  
Christ is the head  
Sealed with the promise  
Through blood he shed

We are the body  
Christ is the head  
His grace the heartbeat  
Our confidence... *(sing Bridge 2 times)*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: In the name of the Triune God,  
keeper of an everlasting covenant,  
source of steadfast love,  
our redeemer and our rock  
our guide and the way  
God the Father, +Son and Holy Spirit

**People: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Leader: Merciful God,

**People: Forgive us. Our will is bound to sin and we cannot break free.**

Leader: Forgive us for when,

**People: We have spoken though we should have kept quiet**

Leader: Forgive us for when,

**People: We were silent though we should have said something.**

Leader: Forgive us for when,

**People: We acted though we knew better.**

Leader: Forgive us for when,

**People: We stood still though we should have stepped up or stepped in.**

Leader: Forgive us,

**People: For the wrong we have done and for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**

Leader: In His mercy, God has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sin. Therefore, as a called servant of the Lord, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **RESPONSIVE SONG: "Your Grace Finds Me"**

#### **Verse 1**

It's there in the newborn cry  
There in the light of ev'ry sunrise  
There in the shadows of this life  
Your great grace  
It's there on the mountain top  
There in the ev'ryday and the mundane  
There in the sorrow and the dancing  
Your great grace  
O such grace

#### **Chorus 1**

From the creation to the cross  
There from the cross into eternity  
Your grace finds me  
Yes Your grace finds me

#### **Verse 2**

It's there on a wedding day  
There in the weeping by the graveside  
There in the very breath we breathe  
Your great grace  
The same for the rich and poor  
The same for the saint and for the sinner  
Enough for this whole wide world  
Your great grace  
O such grace

**Chorus 2**

From the creation to the cross  
There from the cross into eternity  
Your grace finds me  
Yes Your grace finds me  
There in the darkest night of the soul  
There in the sweetest songs of victory  
Your grace finds me  
Yes Your grace finds me

**Bridge**

Your great grace O such grace  
Your great grace O such grace  
The same for the rich and poor  
The same for the saint and for the sinner  
Enough for this whole wide world  
Your great grace O such grace

**Chorus 3**

So I'm breathing in Your grace  
And breathing out Your praise  
I'm breathing in Your grace  
Forever I'll be breathing in Your grace  
And breathing out Your praise  
I'm breathing in Your grace  
Forever I'll be breathing in Your grace  
And breathing out Your praise  
I'm breathing in Your grace  
Forever I'll be breathing in Your grace  
And breathing out Your praise  
I'm breathing in Your grace  
Forever God forever God

**Ending**

It's the same for the saint and the sinner  
It's enough for this whole wide world  
Yes Your grace finds me

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Exodus 20:1-21

And God spoke all these words:

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before Me.

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was. -©NIV

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

9:30 Bethany Preschool

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL:** Mark 2:1-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that He had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and He preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to Him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Immediately Jesus knew in His spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and He said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So He said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" -©NIV

**SERMON HYMN: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"**

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1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

**SERMON: "Connected to Community"**

**SONG OF THE DAY: "Jesus Paid it All"**

**Verse 1**

And I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

**Chorus 1**

'Cause Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

**Verse 2**

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

**Verse 3**

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

**Interlude**

Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow

**Chorus 2**

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: Neighbor to all, You call us into community that we might serve and be served by one another. Open our hearts to the needs of our neighbors, and teach us to recognize the gifts You have given us to use in service to others. Amen.



## CONFESSION OF FAITH:

**APOSTLES' CREED:** (*\* catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING:** *The Offering Box is located in the center aisle. If you so desire, Text Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving information, contact Maraley at [mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org) or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

## CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

**Leader:** You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One.

**People:** **As You receive our praises, accept the gifts we bring, O Source of every blessing, our good and gracious King.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

## **+ Service of the Sacrament +**

***The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.***

**To help you prepare for communion, we invite you to take a few moments in quiet prayer. You can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal for both before and after the reception of Holy Communion. Or simply pray: *Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.***

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.*

*In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.*



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

**"We Are Your Body"**

We are Your body, restored and renewed  
 Buried with You and with You raised  
 From our tombs

Fill us with Your presence and make us one  
 Make us one as You are Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Love of Christ  
 Blood of Christ  
 Fill our veins  
 Grant that we  
 Your body  
 Find unity

Forgive us Lord  
For the war  
That we've waged within Your body  
Bring us peace, bring us humbly to Your feast  
As we eat, as we drink  
We know, we know You're all we need  
For our sins, You have paid  
Every trespass for the wage of sin is death

Sin is death  
Sin is death  
Sin is death  
Sin is death

We are Your body, restored and renewed  
Buried with You and with You raised  
From our tombs

Fill us with Your presence and make us one  
Make us one as You are Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION**

Leader: Chosen, dear loved and holy in Jesus, freed to serve your neighbor and created in Christ for good works, go under His blessing that you may be a blessing, in the name of the life-giving Lord. Amen.

CLOSING SONG: "Built on the Rock"

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1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



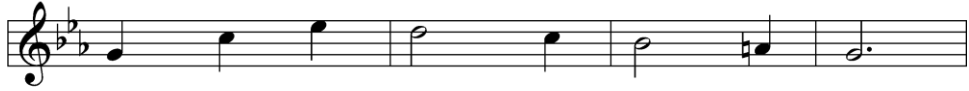
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own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
My peace I leave with you. A - men."

**CHORUS:** Built on the rock of God's saving grace  
Rooted in freedom to go and proclaim  
That Christ has accomplished, yeah, it is finished  
Standing firm in the faith He began within us.

# POSTLUDE

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Acolyte 8:00...Hailey Peralta

Acolyte 9:30...Reenie Long

Lector 8:00...Jaiden Beatty

Liturgist...Pastor Kyle Blake

Director of Music and Worship Arts...Noah Freeman

Children’s Message...Alissa Brege

Crucifer 8:00...Lauren Walsh

Crucifer 9:30...Alice Kienitz

Lector 9:30...Jamie and Reenie Long

Preacher...Pastor Mark Siegert

Artist in Residence...Blake Flattley

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