

3 There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Congregation & Children sing verse 4...

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG  
“God Loved the World So That He Gave”  
LSB 571 (stanzas 1-6)

MESSAGE OF THE DAY  
“SALVATION TO THE JEWS  
AND TO THE GENTILES”  
The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER  
P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...  
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

BENEDICTION  
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.

(Please sit)

CLOSING SONG  
“Amazing Grace” LSB 744 (stanzas 1-5)

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!  
C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE  
  
\* \* \* To GOD BE THE GLORY \* \* \*

Pastor The Rev. Peter Gueldner  
Music Lisa Olson; Emilia Negaard; FLS Children  
Dan Saehler & Barbara Mrosko  
Elder Mark Prieve  
Worship Assistant Mark Remold  
Lectors FLS Students  
Ushers Bob Blume, Neal Weeg  
Greeters Sharon & Carl Vollbrecht,  
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Soundboard Noah Negaard

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THE CONNECTION  
March 10, 2024  
10:30am



PRELUDE / WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS (please fill out Friendship Pads)

WORSHIP SONG “There Is a Redeemer”  
LSB 971 (stanzas 1-3)

1 There is a Redeemer—  
Jesus, God’s own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One. Refrain  
  
ref Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. Refrain  
  
3 When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face;  
There I’ll serve my King forever  
In that holy place. Refrain

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(Please stand)

**INVOCATION**

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

C. Amen

**CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ’s sake.

C. **Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, “You are forgiven.” In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

*(Please sit)*

**FIRST READING *Numbers 21:4-9***

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L. Here ends the first reading.

**SECOND READING *Ephesians 2:1-10***

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>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— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L. Here ends the second reading.

*(Please stand)*

**GOSPEL READING *John 3:14-21***

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

**STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles’ Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*(Please sit)*

**TITHES & OFFERING**

***“Were You There” ~Emilia Negaard***  
*(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)*

**FLS CHILDREN SING *“In Christ Alone”***

*(Children sing stanzas 1-3, Congregation and Children sing stanza 4)*

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter my, all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone—who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

*(continued...)*