

**March 25, 2026**

*Sixth Midweek  
in Lent*



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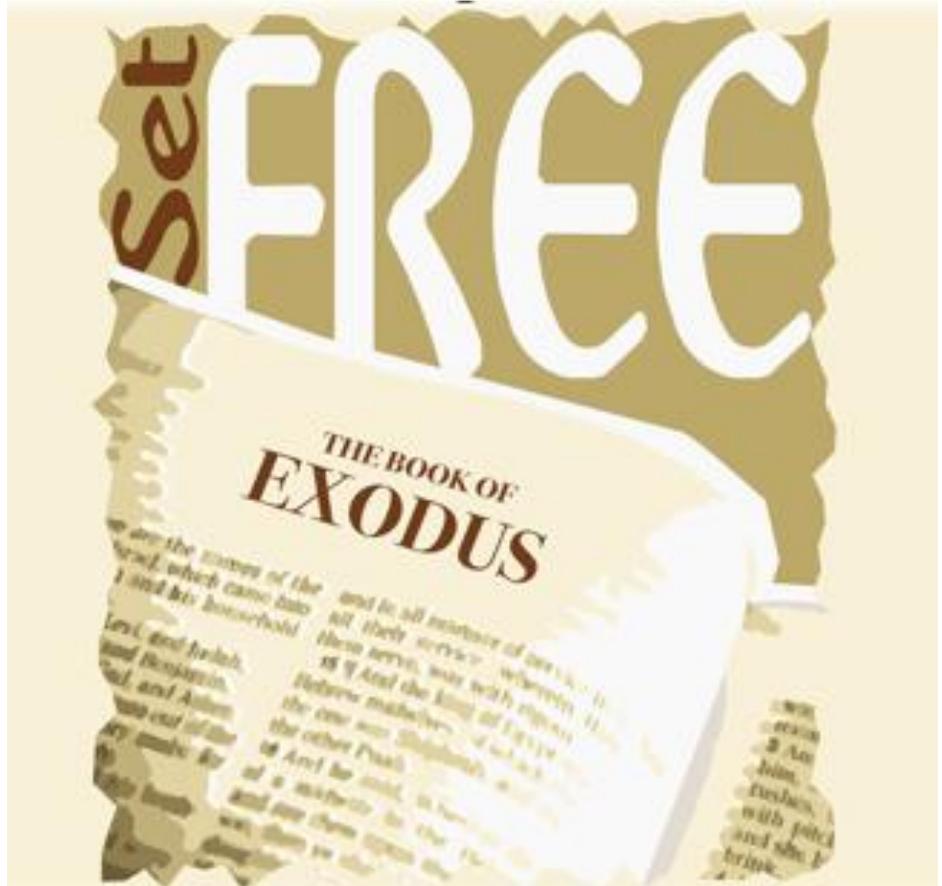
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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am  
*Sundays*

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Sunday School:  
9:30 am

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## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### PRELUDE

"Am I a Soldier of the Cross"  
"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

arr. R. Harrison  
setting: B. Sanders

### WELCOME

*Stand*

### HYMN

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

**LSB 814**



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good;  
He gives the suff'ers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways  
He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace  
By His beloved Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76  
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### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 103:17; Exodus 16:11, Philipians 4:12–13; John 6:32, 35*

- P** The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting.  
**C** In the morning you shall be filled with bread.

**P** I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.

**C** **I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.**

**P** My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

**C** **I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 103:1-5*

**P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**C** **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**

**P** who forgives all your iniquity,

**C** **who heals all your diseases,**

**P** who redeems your life from the pit,

**C** **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

**P** who satisfies you with good

**C** **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

*Exodus 16:1–18, 35*

**A** <sup>1</sup>They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see

the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

<sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.'" <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.

<sup>35</sup>The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

**A** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 103:6–14*

**P** The LORD works righteousness

**C** **and justice for all who are oppressed.**

**P** He made known His ways to Moses,

**C** **His acts to the people of Israel.**

- P** The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
**C** **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P** He will not always chide,  
**C** **nor will He keep His anger forever.**
- P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**C** **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
**C** **so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**
- P** as far as the east is from the west,  
**C** **so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**
- P** As a father shows compassion to his children,  
**C** **so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.**
- P** For He knows our frame;  
**C** **He remembers that we are dust.**

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 4:10–13*

- A** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- A** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalms 103:15–22*

- P** As for man, his days are like grass;  
 he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
**C** **for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
 and its place knows it no more.**

**P** But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,

**C** **and His righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.**

**P** The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,

**C** **and His kingdom rules over all.**

**Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones  
who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!**

**Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!**

**Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.**

**Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

*Stand*

**THIRD READING**

*John 6: 25-35*

**P** <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."  
<sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."  
<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

## "What Prompted Christ"

sts. 1-2

1 What prompt - ed Christ, our Lord, to come  
2 Why did our heav'n - ly Fa - ther send  
down to the cross? What prompt - ed Him to die for my  
down His dear Son? Why did He send His Son down to  
soul? It was the Fa - ther's love That  
earth? It shows that God is love; We  
sent Him to the cross That in Christ's bound - less  
learn what is true love. He prom - is - es to  
love He would pay for all sin To  
nev - er us leave nor for - sake. The  
pay for ev - 'ry sin since the fall.  
Gos - pel strength - ens faith— our true birth.

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## PASSION READING

Mark 15:25-41

**P** <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him

also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

<sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.

<sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

**HYMN**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

**LSB 918**



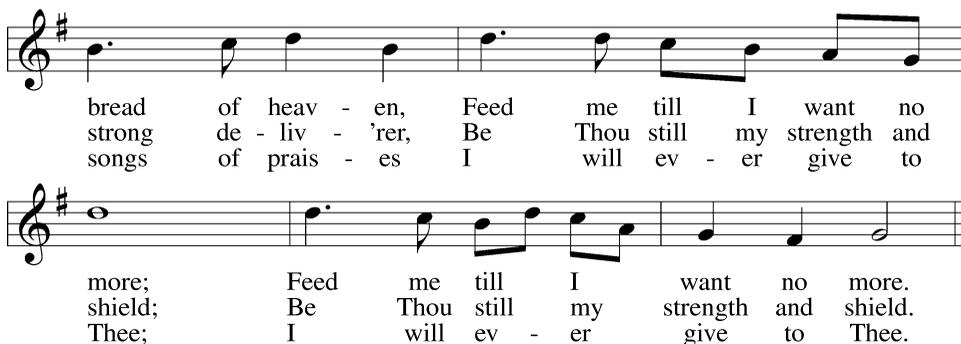
1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'er, Be Thou still my strength and  
of prais - es I will ev - er give to  
more; shield; Feed me till I want no more.  
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91  
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## SERMON

## OFFERING

## VOLUNTARY

“Pie’ Jesu”

arr. F. Ritter, G. Faure’

## Stand

## OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”

LSB 956



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10–12, Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583–1651, adapt, Text and tune: Public domain

## PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray for all people who are unsure of God's hearing their prayers.
- C** **Hear their cries, O Lord, grant them courage as You accompany, and answer them speedily.**
- A** Let us ask God to strengthen the faith of those who only recently have known Him.
- C** **Reveal Yourself gently to them, Lord Jesus, through the caring of Your church.**
- P** Let us pray for those who feel trapped by circumstances beyond their control.
- C** **Assure them that You know their dilemma and that the deliverer has come: Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**
- A** Let us pray for all who fear God's punishment.
- C** **Show them mercy, O Lord, as You passed over Your Old Testament people. Grant them peace through Your presence.**
- P** Let us pray for all who know no good ways to turn, are unsure of the truth, and await only their deaths.
- C** **Tell them again, Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way, and the truth, and the life.**
- A** Finally, let us pray for all who are tired from opposition in the world around them and from their own conflicts within themselves.
- C** **Awaken in them a sense of Your accompanying them on their journey until that day when they and we join those who have gone before us at Your heavenly banquet hall.**
- P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people
- C** **that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**
- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
- C** **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;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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.

## BENEDICTION

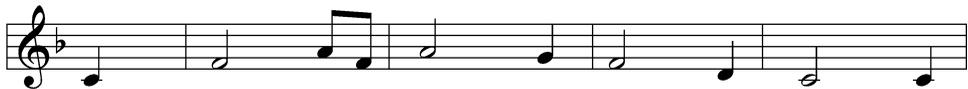
**P** The Lord, who provided all that the people needed in the wilderness, bless you.  
The Lord, who fed them until they reached the Promised Land, bless you.  
The Lord, who spoke to Moses and has worked faith in your hearts, bless and keep you, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

LSB 744 sts. 1-5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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*Sit*

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Amazing Grace"

arr. F. Ritter

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