

## Lenten Service March 29, 2023

Paul (1 Timothy 1:15): We marvel at the story of amazing grace in the life of Paul, who turned from persecutor of Christ to proclaimer of our Lord through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.



*The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 1 Timothy 1:15*

### Opening Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone. Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone at the river, I stand  
Guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand precious Lord lead me home

### Confession and forgiveness

- L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
**C: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.**  
L: He does not deal with us according to our sins.  
**C: Nor repay us according to our iniquities.**  
L: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him:  
**C: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**  
L: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.  
**C: For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**  
L: The Lord remembers that we are dust. He knows our fallen sinfulness and calls us to repent of our sins. Paul, who once persecuted the church, rejoiced in the grace he received, and the mercy shown to him. Let us confess our sins to God and ask that he would show mercy to us.  
**C: Almighty, God, with Paul we too are foremost in sin. We sin against you daily. With our words and actions, we hurt others, even those in the body of Christ, our brothers and sisters in faith. We turn from your Word and your ways to follow the path of our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive us.**  
L: The Lord remembers that we are dust; he knows our sinful frame. He has shown grace to his servant Paul and to us through the gift of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus took our sins onto himself and carried them to the cross. Our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.  
**C: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

### Prayer of the Day:

**Almighty God, even though Paul persecuted your church, arrested the faithful and approved of their deaths, you called him to be an ambassador for your kingdom, sending him into the world to spread the good news of salvation in Jesus. You have looked on us in grace and you have forgiven our sins. Help us to live in repentant humility and ever seek your mercy. By the power of your Spirit, lead us to grow in faith and in knowledge of your Word so that we too can serve as faithful witnesses to our Savior's love. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:1-6**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Gospel Reading** Mark 2:13-17 **Glory to you Lord.**  
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children's Message**

**Message** - Grace for Those Wretched

**Hymn of the Evening/Offering:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride

Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine demands my soul my life my all

**Prayers:** (Gracious Lord, **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer**)

### **Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

***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. 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:**

L: He was pierced for our transgression; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

C: **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

L: The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord makes his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace.

C: **Amen**

### **Sending Song:** Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind but now I see

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun

**Dismissal:** Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God**

- Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – PALM SUNDAY – 9am service at Nora with 10am Sunday school and 11am Service at Kirkebo