



**Thank you for joining us this morning!  
Wishing you strength and serenity this Lent as you  
draw closer to God.**

**March 30, 2025**

Rev. Frank Yates, Interim Pastor

Nancy Shambach, Liturgist

Linda Hood, Psalmist

Ushers: Genevieve & Russ Dykehouse, Birgitta Gustafson,  
and Hazel Lathrop

Chancel Choir

Chris Dyer, Soloist

Nancy Leffler, Director of Music

Nathan Secrest, Accompanist

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## Sunday, March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering Music      *O Man, Bewail thy Grievous Sin*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prayer Concerns

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of New Members Len and Lyn, and Michael

Minute for Mission      Russ Dykehouse

The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(Greet your neighbors in the row and beyond.)

Introit:      *Sing Out a Joyful Song in Praise*

Prelude      *Near the Cross*      Chris Addison

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 131)

Liturgist: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high.

**People: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.**

Liturgist: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother.

**People: O Israel, hope in the Lord, for this time on and forevermore.**

All: **Let us worship the God of our life.**

\*Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #12

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.**

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.**

**Hear now our silent prayers....**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (choral)

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Illumination

Reading from the Epistle: II Corinthians 5: 16-21

pp. 1053-1054, *Pew Bible*

Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 32

p.496, *pew Bible*

The Word Proclaimed Through Music *Wayfaring Stranger*

Reading from the Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

pp. 952 & 953, *pew Bible*

Sermon: The Forgiving Father

\*Hymn of Response: *Baptized in Water*

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation of Michael Hughes for Baptism

Questions for the Candidate and Congregation

**All:** Affirmation of the Apostles' Creed (insert)

Thanksgiving and Baptism

Welcome and Charge

Congregational Response *Amazing Grace* #649, vv. 1-2

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Panis Angelicus*

Chris Dyer

\*Sung Response (to ushers bringing the offering forward):

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen. (Doxology)***

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Song: *My Lord! What a Morning* #352

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response: *Sevenfold Amen*

Postlude *The King in Triumph* Ross Anderson

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King

## Glory Be to the Father

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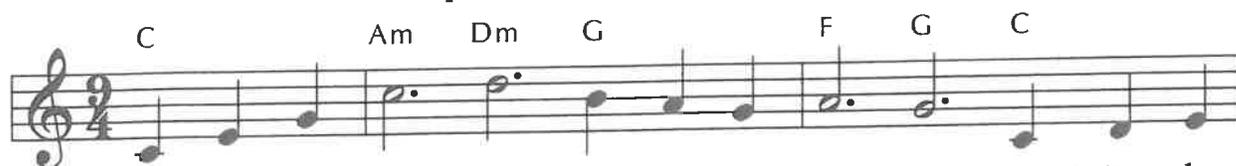
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

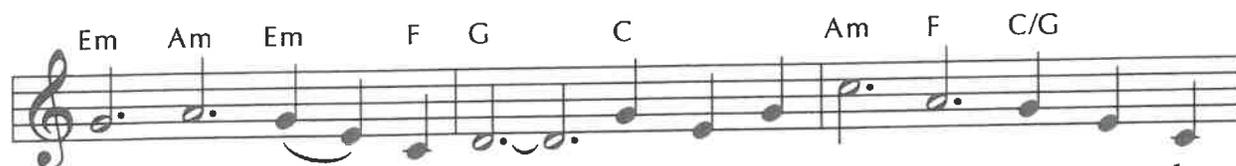
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

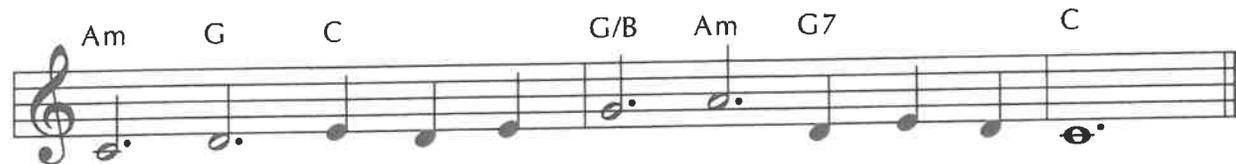
## Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

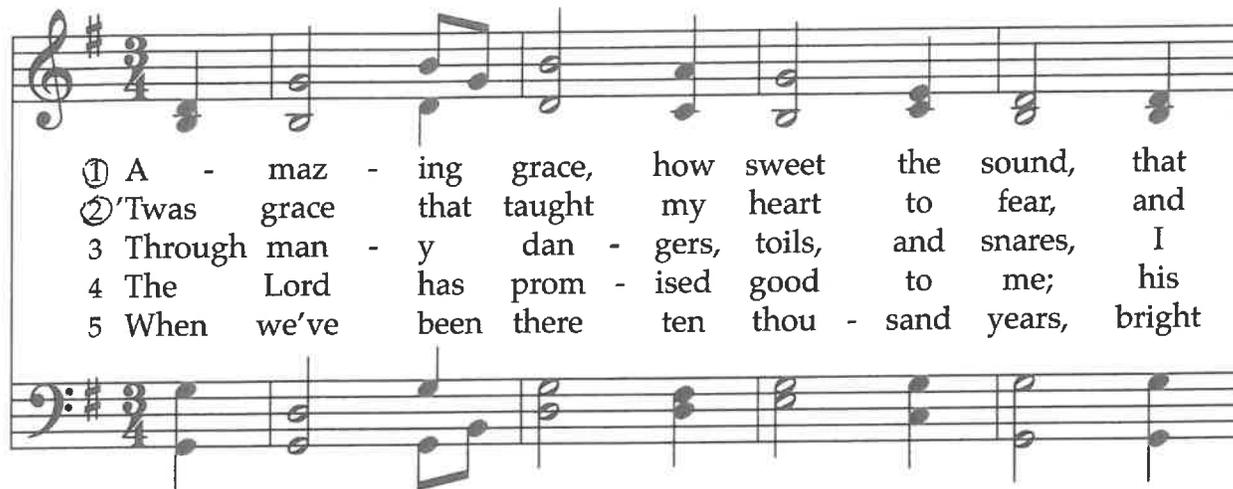
## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,

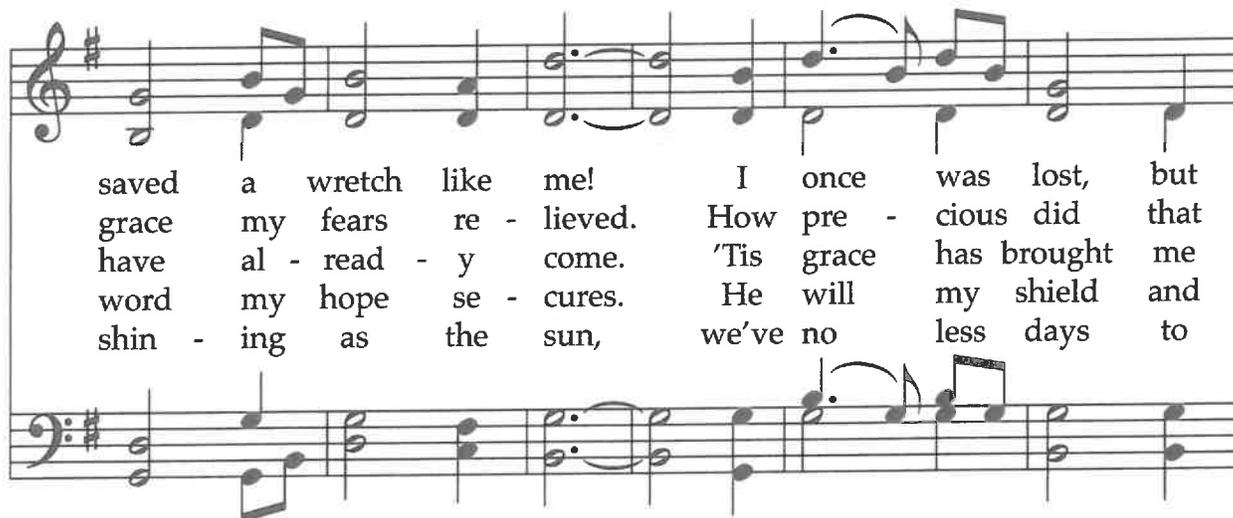
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall  
come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

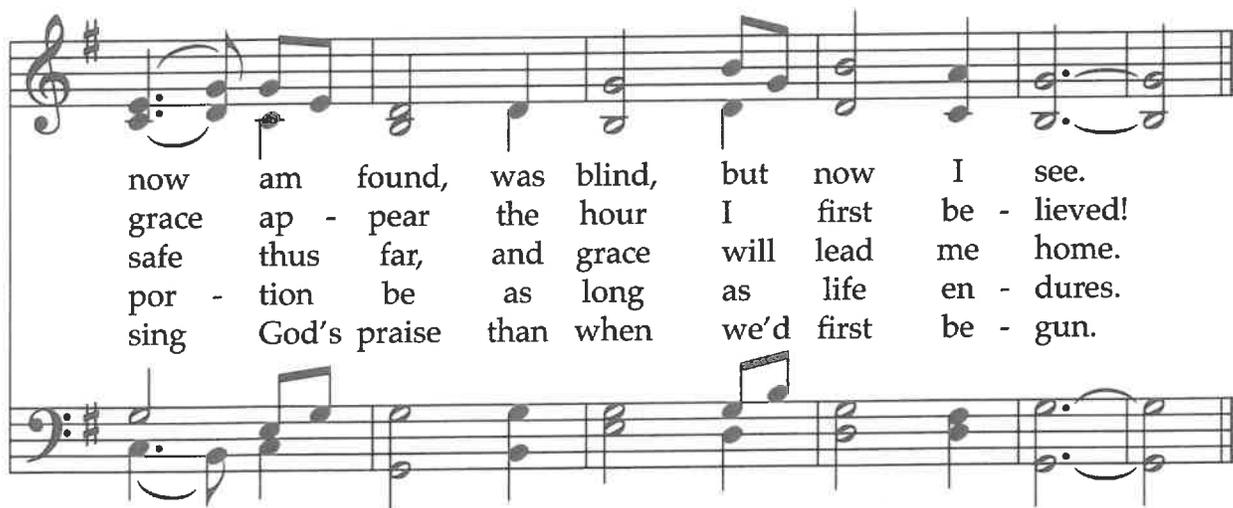
## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



① A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 ② 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 is pi yukupalashke.*

## CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

## NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'  
 yisdáshítinígí,  
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

## 352 My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

*Fine*

fall, when the stars be - gin to fall. 1 You will hear the trum - pet  
2 You will hear the sin - ner  
3 You will hear the Chris - tian

sound  
cry,  
shout, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,

*to Refrain*

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29-30/Mark 13:24-26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those