

PRELUDE: "Christ Be My Leader"

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**THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.**

Lent is about repentance of sin and faith in God's forgiveness. When we confess our sins, we normally think about the wrongs we have committed, whether in thoughts, words, or deeds, as well as the good things we have failed to do. But sin is no simple or temporary issue. Sin is a matter of life and death; as we were reminded on Ash Wednesday, "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ultimate punishment for sin is death. God's ultimate salvation is, as we confess in the Nicene Creed, "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Already in the Old Testament, the hand of the Lord raised individuals who had died, as at the hands of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. Everyone believed that the Messiah, the Savior, would raise the dead when He came. Today we hear of one such incident: Jesus raising the widow's son in Nain (Luke 7). When Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the tomb, it could no longer be denied who Jesus is. Jesus finally proved that He is, as He said, "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25) by His own resurrection. In the resurrection, God has turned death from enemy into the remedy in our deliverance from sin. The risen, ascended, and reigning Lord promises to raise us daily in repentance and faith, and on the Last Day, free us from sin in eternal life in our human bodies. "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another" (Job 19:25-27).

**HYMN:**

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" (LSB 423)



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.

**OPENING SENTENCES:**

*Psalm 102:1*

L: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: **let my cry come to You!**

L: The Lord is my strength and my song;

*Psalm 118:14–18*

C: **He has become my salvation.**

L: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

C: **“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,**

L: the right hand of the Lord exalts,

C: **the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”**

L: I shall not die, but I shall live,

C: **and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

L: The Lord has disciplined me severely,

C: **but He has not given me over to death.**

**PSALM 130: A Song for Going Up to Worship**

L: O Lord, out of the depths I call to you.

C: **O Lord, hear my voice.**

L: Let your ears be open to my pleas for mercy.

C: **O Lord, who would be able to stand**

L: if you kept a record of sins?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness**

L: so that you can be feared.

C: **I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,**

L: and with hope I wait for his word.

C: **My soul waits for the Lord**

L: more than those who watch for the morning,

C: **more than those who watch for the morning.**

L: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,

C: **because with the Lord there is mercy**

L: and with him there is unlimited forgiveness.

C: **He will rescue Israel from all its sins.**

***ALL: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.***

***AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.***

**READING:**

*1 Kings 17:8–24*

L: <sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to him, <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we

may eat it and die.”<sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.”<sup>14</sup> For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’”<sup>15</sup> And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days.<sup>16</sup> The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

<sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.<sup>18</sup> And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!”<sup>19</sup> And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed.<sup>20</sup> And he cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?”<sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, let this child’s life come into him again.”<sup>22</sup> And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.<sup>23</sup> And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.”<sup>24</sup> And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:**

“Who Was the Man” vs. 1,2

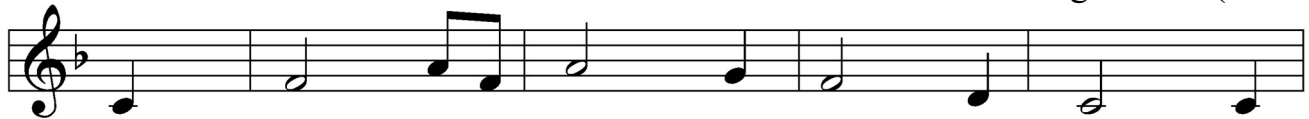
1. Oh, who was the man two thousand years ago who walked in Galilee, Who said to the fishermen mending their nets, “Rise up and follow me. Oh, rise up and follow, rise up and follow, Rise up and follow me.”
2. They followed Him down through village and town, And wondered at the words He said, As He healed the lame and the sick and the blind, And even raised the dead. “Oh, rise up and follow. Rise up and follow, Rise up and follow me.”

**READING:***Luke 7:11-17*

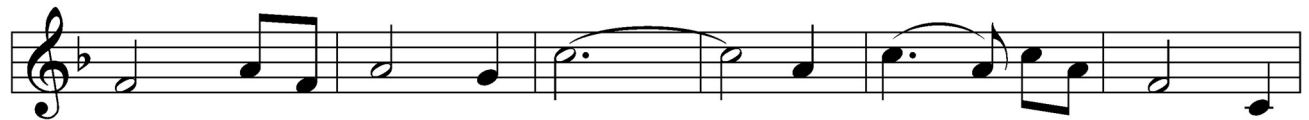
P: <sup>11</sup>Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. <sup>12</sup>As He drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup>And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup>Then He came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." <sup>15</sup>And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!" <sup>17</sup>And this report about Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON****HYMN:***"Amazing Grace" (LSB 744)*

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.

## OFFERTORY:

“Who Was the Man” vs. 3, 4

1. They followed Him into a garden at night, Then up to a cross on the hill, And when He was laid in a stony tomb, They seemed to hear Him still. “Oh, rise up and follow, rise up and follow, Rise up and follow me.”
2. That man who arose from the stony tomb is here and alive today. Like friends you could meet on a crowded street, And still you hear Him say, “Oh, rise up and follow, rise up and follow, Rise up and follow me.”

## PRAYER:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You sent Jesus with a compassionate hand to stop death in its tracks. Bless us that we may ever hold fast to His promises for us through His death and resurrection. Help us to always remember our Baptism, where we have been united to both Christ’s death and resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, 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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER:

C: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**BLESSING:**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN:**

“Christ Be My Leader” (LSB 861)



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



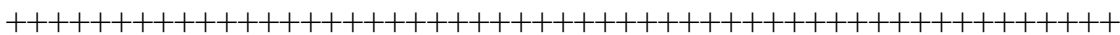
dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

**POSTLUDE: “Amazing Grace”**

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bells*



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