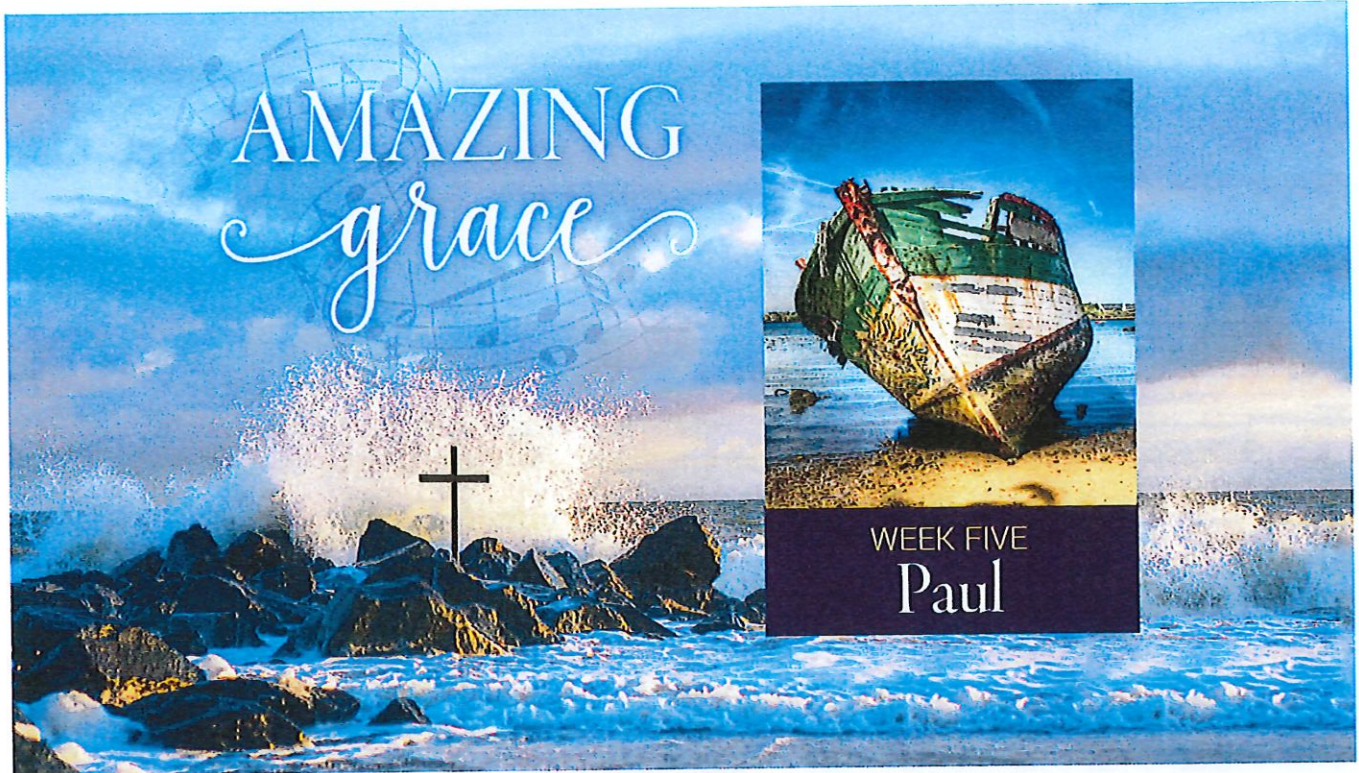


Amazing Grace Lent Worship Series

March 29, 2023, 7:30 PM



Paul

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

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. for children & youth
Adult Bible Study in person at 10:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to our *Amazing Grace* series for Lent. In this service, 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. In the same way, cross of Christ changes us all from enemy to friend.

OPENING HYMN "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

LSB 439



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;
12 I'll think up - on Thy mer - cy with - out ceas - ing,



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleas - ing;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -
To do Thy will shall be my sole en -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
her - it, This I do mer - it.
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.
deav - or Hence - forth for - ev - er.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:8-14

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

People: **Nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People: **As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

People: **For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: **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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: 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 the knowledge of your Word so that we too can serve as faithful witnesses to our Savior's love. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 53:1-6

Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 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. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 2:13-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the second chapter.
People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

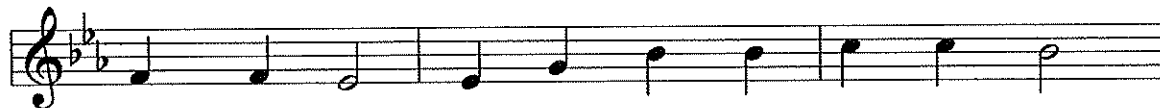
He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

HYMN "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB 611, verses 1 & 2



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—

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to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

SERMON

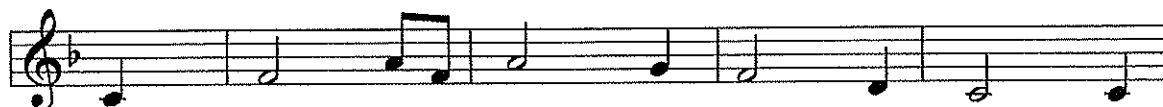
“Paul”

Pastor Scott Henze

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744, verse 1, 2, 4



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you graciously invited the Samaritan woman to believe in you as the Messiah and Savior, to drink of living water of the Spirit. We, too, trust in you as our Lord and Savior. You have given to us the gift of the precious, living water that is the Spirit of God welling up to eternal life. Gracious Lord,

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we pray that you would continue to sustain us with your Spirit during this earthly life. Fill us with the peace and hope that are found only through repentance and forgiveness in your name. Help us to grow in grace and strength of faith through the study of your holy Word so that we might serve others in your name. Gracious Lord,

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we pray for those who thirst for help and hope in their suffering. Comfort those who face illness, grief and loss in their own lives and in the lives of loved ones. Empower us by your Spirit to comfort them with the promises of your Word. Gracious Lord,

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we look forward to the day when we will live forever in your presence and drink from the water of the river of life in paradise. Until that great day, lead us to show mercy to others and to share our blessings to satisfy their earthly needs, their hunger and thirst. Gracious Lord,

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, beginning the conversation that led her to trust in you as her Savior. She then told the people of her town about you and they too believed. Help us by your Spirit to begin such conversations with our friends and neighbors so that they will believe and worship you as their King and Savior. Gracious Lord,

People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

(Revelation 7:9-10, 16-17; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

People: They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

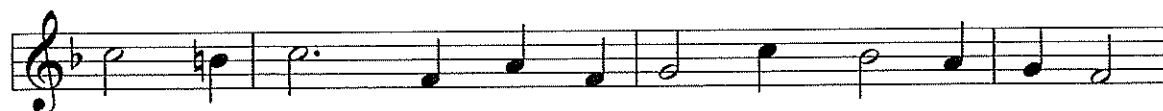
CLOSING HYMN

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

LSB 590, verses 1 & 3



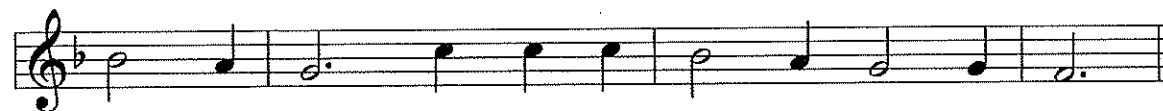
1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.

Amen

An offering plate can be found at the back of the church.



RESURRECTION RUN REGISTRATION

Sunday, April 9
7:00 AM Outdoor Sunrise Service
(Race starts at 7:40 AM)

Registration is open for The Resurrection Run on April 9, 2023.
Runners can run in person from St. Paul Weston, or run virtually whenever
or wherever they would like. Registration cost: \$35.00 (Online Registration)
Registration on Easter morning: \$40.00

1. Resurrection Run T-shirt & Finishing Medal (First 150 registrations)
2. 5K run through Tequesta Trace Park
3. <http://stpaulweston.com/rezrun/> to register
4. All proceeds help fund youth mission trips and gatherings

Holy Week

April 1 - Children's Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt—10 :00 AM
April 2 -Palm Sunday, Procession of Palms, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

April 6—Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM

April 7—Good Friday (two services)
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross at Peace Mound Park; Youth led service
located at 1300 Three Villages Road, Weston
7:30 PM Service of Darkness at St. Paul

Sunday, April 9
The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Sunday
7:00 AM Outdoor Sunrise Service & Rez Run
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Festival Communion Service

