

Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 22, 2020
Recorded Worship



Narrative Lectionary
March 22, 2020

Great
Commandment

INTRO INTERLUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed". It features two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final two lines. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal melody.

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
here, Lord, I give my-self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: O Lord,
Your greatest command to love can also be most difficult.
Give us the same heart as you have for the world and everything in it,
that we might be the living presence of your love.
In Jesus' name, amen.

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 89:1-4

Leader: A reading from the book of Psalms

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

²I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

⁴"I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

GOSPEL: MARK 12:28-44

Leader: The holy gospel according to Mark

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

³⁵While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? ³⁶David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet.'"

³⁷David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?" And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

SERMON: Pastor Brian Claasen - *“House Rules”*

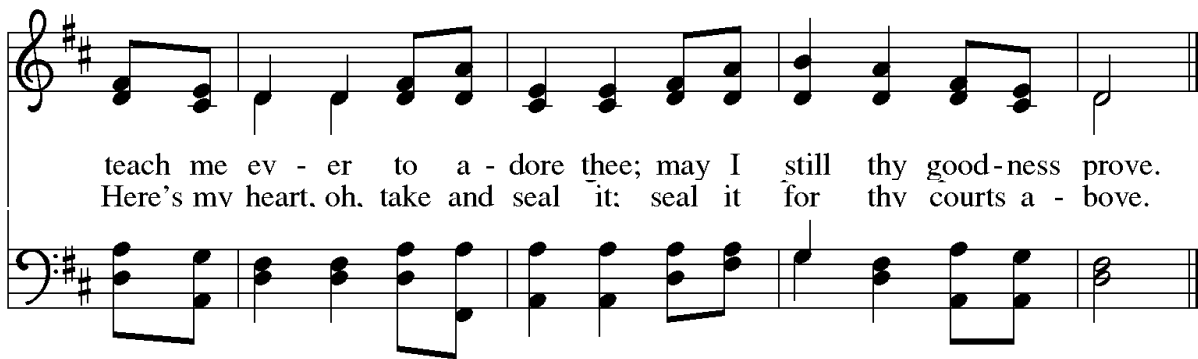
HYMN OF THE DAY: COME THOU FOUNT

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with line numbers 1 and 3 indicating different verses. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.



Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
 On the third day He rose again;
 He ascended into heaven,
 He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

LEADER: We speak often of love, O Lord, and yet we know so little of the sacrificial kind which you desire. May your ways of empathy, sympathy and deep compassion govern our actions and transform our lives into a truer reflection of the one who created us. Loving God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: Bless the animals with whom we share our lives, and the bonds which form between us. May we contribute as much to their lives as they do to ours, accepting our place within this vast web of creation. Loving God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: To observe this solemn season does not mean failing to experience joy in the midst of it. May we indeed take delight in being your children: forgiven, beloved and blessed. Loving God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: There are many among us with trials and struggles which may not be known to us. May we deal gently with one another, presuming the best intentions of them, and offering support without always being asked. We ask that you tend to those whose needs we do know, especially, Ruth, Mercedes, Karen, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy Robin,, Christina, Irene, Diane, Pat, Elinor, Dorine, Richard and those we name silently and aloud (*brief silence*). May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. Loving God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: We lift up Jonathan Edwards, teacher and missionary, and all those who genuinely struggle with your word and its application to living. Make each of us a living embodiment of your mercy, regardless of our individual opinions. Loving God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance. Loving God,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: You have promised to hear and answer our prayers, O Lord, and for this we are grateful. Please grant these things we ask, for the sake of the one who showed us what love looks like, Jesus our Lord,

ALL: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

OFFERING STATEMENT BY PASTOR BRIAN

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING SONG: AMAZING GRACE

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright

The first system of the musical score for 'Amazing Grace' features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with line numbers 1, 2, and 5 indicating the start of new phrases.

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and harmony. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with line numbers 1, 2, and 5 indicating the start of new phrases. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and slurs.

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Week: Sunday, March 29, 2020

Theme: End of the Age

Main Idea: Jesus' words about the end of all things taught us more about the things happening now.

Read Ahead: Psalm 102:12-17; Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

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