



**FAITH** Lutheran Church

*a heart from God, a heart for others, a place for you*

## The Hand of the Lord Who



**Creates and Saves**  
Wednesday Lenten Series  
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## AS WE GATHER

The God who is Creator of all came to save us from sin and death in the incarnate Son of Mary, Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is God. He first revealed Himself to Moses with the holy name "I AM," saying, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you'" (Exodus 3:14). When Jesus came to His disciples walking on the crashing waves of the sea of Galilee, He said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27). "It is I" is the same term for the divine name, "I AM." As He reached out His hand and grabbed the fearful, doubting, sinking Simon Peter, so does His compassionate hand save you in times of despair and helplessness. His greatest deliverance was when He allowed His hands to be nailed to a cross for your sins. As we are helpless like drowning Peter, our repentant prayer this day is in the words of the hymn, "Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling" (LSB 761:3).

**OPENING HYMN**     "The Word That Spoke in Darkness" (*Back Page*)

### **INVOCATION**

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 102:1, 25*

P: *Hear my prayer, O LORD;*

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

P: *Of old You laid the foundation of the earth,*

**C: and the heavens are the work of Your hands.**

*Psalm 118:14, 15b–16*

P: *The LORD is my strength and my song;*

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

P: *"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts,*

**C: the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"**

*Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5*

P: *Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,*

**C: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.**

P: *Jesus said, "If anyone would come after Me,*

**C: let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."**

P: *Christ was wounded for our transgressions;*

**C: He was crushed for our iniquities.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Job 9:1–12**

Then Job answered and said: "Truly I know that it is so: But how can a man be in the right before God? If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand times. He is wise in heart and mighty in strength—who has hardened himself against him, and succeeded?— he who removes mountains, and they know it not, when he overturns them in his anger, who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; who commands the sun, and it does not rise; who seals up the stars; who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea; who made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the chambers of the south; who does great things beyond searching out, and marvelous things beyond number. Behold, he passes by me, and I see him not; he moves on, but I do not perceive him. Behold, he snatches away; who can turn him back? Who will say to him, 'What are you doing?'

L: *This is the Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

**Ephesians 2:1–10**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF JOB'S DELIVERANCE

**Job 38:1–3, 16–18; 1:20–22**

P: *Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to Me."*

*(A pause for silent reflection)*

P: *"Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?  
Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?"*

**C: "The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."**

P: *"Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this." Then Job fell on the ground; as he worshiped, he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return."*

**C: The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."**

*(After a moment of silence, the pastor says)*

P: *In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.*

## **GOSPEL READING**

## **Matthew 14:22–33**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: *This is the Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

The Hand of the Lord Who Creates and Saves

**RESPONSORY HYMN**

What Wonderous Love Is This

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**OFFERING****OFFERTORY**

P: *Let us pray. O God, our Creator and Redeemer, "Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy Law's demands." Therefore "nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling." Increase our faith and trust in You that we may walk confidently amid the troubles and reverses of life, knowing that Your gracious hands are evermore leading us, guiding us, and saving us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

P: *Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

P: *O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land. Guide the people of Your church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

### **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. 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.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE**

***Colossians 1:12–20***

*P: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

**C: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,**

P: *whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*

**C: And He is the head of the body, the church He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be Pre-eminent.**

P: *For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.*

**C: 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.**

### **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.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

"Glory Be to Jesus"

# 433

**AMAZING WORSHIP: OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:** Chapel services are this Sunday at Diamond Ridge (1:30pm) & Life Care (2:30). We invite you all to participate and be a part of bringing joy to the residents of these two amazing communities of Faith. Sing, play your instrument, read the scriptures, or simply share in worship with joy. Ask Pastor for more details, or simply show up at 1:30 & 2:30 this weekend. Diamond Ridge, 2370 W. Marc Knighton Ct., Lecanto. Life Care Center, 3325 W. Jerwayne Ln., Lecanto.



Lenten Midweek Series

**The Hand of the Lord Who...**

March 5<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday

Freely Gives

March 12<sup>th</sup>

Creates & Saves

March 19<sup>th</sup>

Casts Out Demons

March 26<sup>th</sup>

Heals the Sick

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Raises the Dead

April 9<sup>th</sup>

Holds All Things

Sundays in Lent

**THE HEART OF THE SAVIOR**

March 9<sup>th</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

March 9<sup>th</sup>

Resists Temptation

March 16<sup>th</sup>

Would Gather His Children

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Warns His Flock

March 30<sup>th</sup>

Is Filled with Compassion

April 6<sup>th</sup>

Calls Out to His People

April 13<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday

Fulfills the Father's Purpose

THE COST OF SALVATION

WAS PAID FOR YOU AT THE CROSS!!!

CELEBRATE THIS FREE

GIFT OF GOD, DAILY!!!

Holy Week Worship

**The Hand of the Lord Who...**

April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday Weekend – Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:30am

The Heart of the Savior Fulfills the Father's Purpose

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday – 5:00pm

The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – 5:00pm

The Hand of the Lord Who Was Pierced for Us

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Easter Vigil – 5:00pm

The Hand of the Lord Who Made Us

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunrise Service – 7:00am

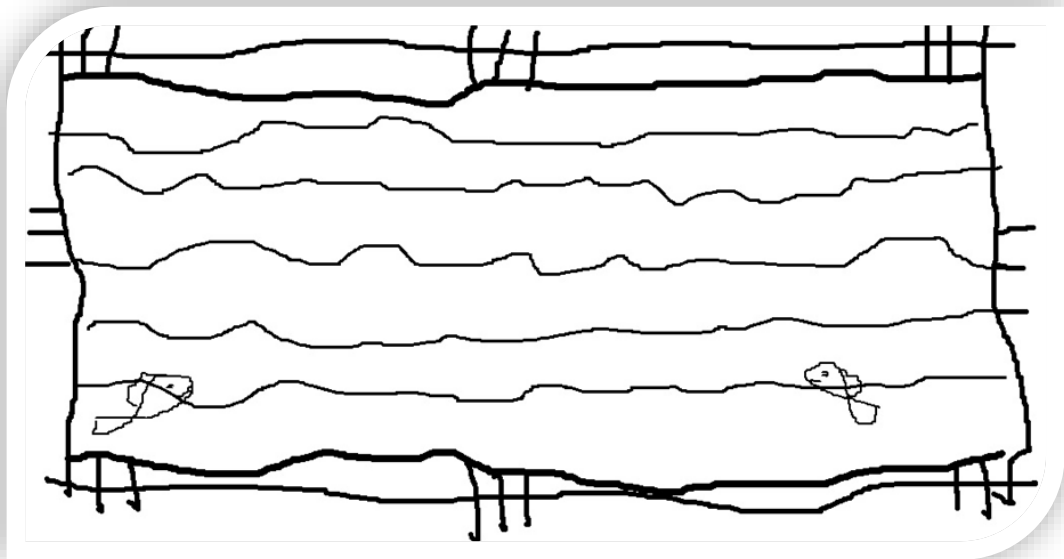
The Hand of the Lord Who is Risen

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Service – 9:30am

The Hand of the Lord Who Holds Us Always



DRAW YOURSELF WALKING TOWARDS JESUS



# Welcome Home Children



I. Je - sus loves me, this I know,

We are so happy you are with us today at church. And we want you to feel at home here at Faith. If you need anything, tell your mom or dad, or grandma or grandpa, or whoever you came with, and they can let us know and we can help.

- ❖ Please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that little ones wiggle and squeak sometimes, and it is a joy to His ears, and ours as well.
- ❖ Encourage your parents to help you sit up front by the altar area. That way you'll be better able to see all the stuff that is going on. Most of the action happens up front.
- ❖ Be sure to grab an activity bag from the kid's room in the back of the church. (It's that place with the window that looks into the church.)
- ❖ Be sure to sing along with your parents and the people around you. Jesus loves it when we make joyful noises to Him.
- ❖ When we pray, a lot of times we fold our hands and bow our heads so we can listen better to the prayers. Don't you love it when we pray together?
- ❖ Jesus teaches us a special prayer called the "Our Father", or the "Lord's Prayer". When we pray this one, it's a good time to hold our parent's hand because this is a prayer we pray together.

Please know that while you are caring for your parents, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, ***"Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*** (Luke 18:16) You are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.

# THE WORD THAT SPOKE IN DARKNESS

Lisa M. Clark

KING'S LYNN

English

Coll. and arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958



1 The Word that spoke in dark - ness And prom - ised com - ing  
2 The Sav - ior came to con - quer And meet His mis - sion's  
3 The Christ pro - claimed His vic - t'ry With ev - 'ry act of  
4 The Prince of Peace con - tin - ued With each new task com -



light Kept guid - ing through the a - ges Un - til the time was  
aim: Up - end - ing Sa - tan's ter - ror, Cre - a - tion to re -  
grace: The out - cast shown com - pas - sion And God's own ho - ly  
plete At cross and tomb and glo - ry Up - on His roy - al



right To take on flesh and fol - low The Fa - ther's good com -  
claim By walk - ing on the wa - ters So we by faith may  
face As Je - sus looked with fa - vor On all from ev - 'ry  
seat, De - liv - er - ance ac - com - plished Ex - act - ly as He



mand And dwell a - mong His peo - ple, The king - dom now at hand.  
stand With trust in Him whose res - cue Is of - fered by His hand.  
land Who need - ed life and heal - ing From His al - mighty - y hand.  
planned; Our King will raise in wel - come His pierced and ris - en hand.

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