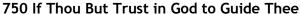
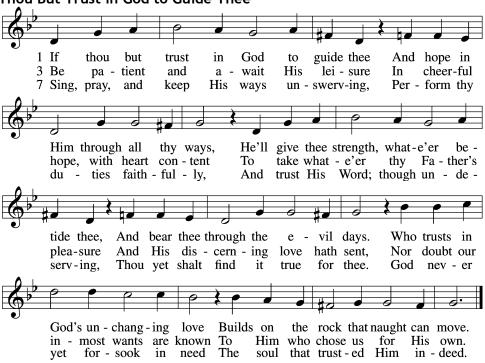
# MARCH 26, 2025 - LENT 3 MIDWEEK SERVICE

Prelude - "Cast Your Burden Upon The Lord" by Mendelssohn.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Opening Versicles**

- P May the God of endurance and encouragement grant us
- **C** To live in harmony with one another and in accord with Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:5

- **P** So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
- Any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,
- **P** Any affection and sympathy,
- Complete my joy by being of one mind,
- **P** Having the same love,
- **G** Being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1-2

- **P** Therefore encourage one another
- **C** And build one another up, just as you are doing.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- Lord Jesus, life in this world leaves us disheartened and discouraged, lost and lonely. Come to the aid of Your people with Your friendship and love. Encourage us with Your Word and Your promises. Strengthen our faith to live for You alone. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we have the courage we need to face all that we encounter in this life. In Your name. Amen.

Sit

# Old Testament Reading Isaiah 41:8–13

<sup>8</sup>But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; <sup>9</sup>you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; <sup>10</sup>fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. <sup>11</sup>Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. <sup>12</sup>You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. <sup>13</sup>For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:5–11

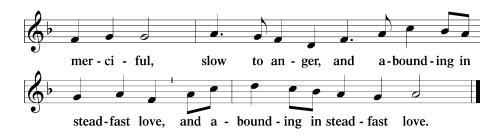
<sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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Verse for Lent LSB 173





Holy Gospel Matthew 8:5–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup>'Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." <sup>7</sup>And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup>But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." <sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup>I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup>while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup>And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

### 728 How Firm a Foundation



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#### Sermon

**Anthem** - "The Lamb Of God" by Twila Paris; sung by the Parish Choir.

Kneel

### **Prayers**

- We are not worthy to enter into Your presence, our Savior, Servant, Friend. And still You encourage us to draw near to You in prayer. You promise that when we gather in Your name, You will be present among us. Jesus, hear us now as we lift our prayers and raise our petitions to you.
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- P Fortify our wavering hearts and encourage us with Your unflinching love.
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- P Encourage the leaders of this world to be about the work of peace and justice, fostering care for the sojourner, the lonely and the forgotten.
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- P Build up the faith of those who are wandering in doubt, rescue those who are lost in sin and redeem all who are plagued by shame and guilt.
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- P Strengthen the souls of those who are near the point of death or mourning the loss of loved ones.
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- P Embolden our faith so that we can be witnesses for You in this world and that many may come to know You and Your love.
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- P Give hope and joy to Your Church so that we can faithfully live as the Body of Christ amongst our neighbors.
- C Lord, hear our prayer and encourage us as only you can. In Your name. Amen.

LSB 179

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **C** 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.

Benediction LSB 183

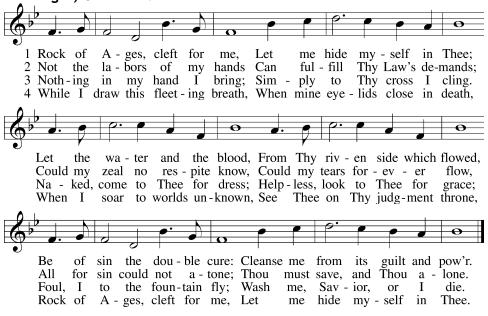
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

## 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



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**Postlude** - "Evening Meditation" by Schreiner.

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