

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P Blessed In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C Amen. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy One,

C we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

P Beloved, return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. [Joel 2:13] In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C Amen.

OPENING SONG: AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Chorus (Sing twice.)

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness [Psalm 86:15]. Help us to grow in your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LESSON

L Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [Ephesians 1:2]
Today's Lesson is from Paul's letters to the Christians at Colossae and Ephesus.

L ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. ►

☞ You have heard of this hope in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ ... and the day you heard it truly comprehended the grace of God.

ℓ ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

☞ ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him ..., ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

ℓ ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

☞ ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

ℓ Word of God, Word of life.

☞ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:11-14, 20, 24b, 25-32

ℙ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [Galatians 1:3]
The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

☞ Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need ... ²⁰So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²⁴... 'This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'

²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

ℙ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Verse 1

**All these pieces, broken and scattered,
In mercy gathered, mended and whole.
Empty handed, but not forsaken,
I've been set free. I've been set free.**

Pre-Chorus

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
Oh, I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind but now I see.**

Chorus

**Oh, I can see You now.
Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes,
Laying Yourself down,
Raising up the broken to life.**

Verse 2

**You take our failure, You take our weakness,
You set Your treasure In jars of clay.
So take this heart, Lord, I'll be Your vessel.
The world to see Your life in me.**

Pre-Chorus

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
Oh, I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind but now I see. ▶**

Chorus

**Oh, I can see You now.
Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes,
Laying Yourself down,
Raising up the broken to life.**

Pre-Chorus

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
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Chorus

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Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes,
Laying Yourself down,
Raising up the broken to life.**

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The 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 CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Merciful God," please respond, "**receive our prayer.**"

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "**Amen.**"

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING COMMUNION

As you see the pastors and worshipers commune, please join them by communing at home, saying to each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise: "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Blessed Jesus,
- C** **in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P Be The Lord bless you and keep you; ⁵the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. [Numbers 6:24-26]

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: King Of My Heart

Verse 1

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run,
The fountain I drink from. Oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
The ransom for my life. Oh, He is my song.

Chorus

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Verse 2

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
The anchor in the waves. Oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
The echo of my days. Oh, He is my song.

Chorus

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

Bridge (Sing twice.)

You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down.

Chorus

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace.

Be hospitable to one another ... ¹⁰Just as each of you has received a gift, so you should use it for ministry one to another, as good stewards of God's many-sided grace. [1 Peter 4:9-10]

Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C Thanks be to God.