



Grace

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Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Pastor Miriam

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ☐ Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love ... *--Joel 2:13*
- ☑ **But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.** *--Psalm 86:15*
- ☐ Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. *--Isaiah 30:18*
- ☑ **Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.** *--2 Corinthians 4:15*
- ☐ Just as each one of you has received a special gift, a spiritual talent, an ability graciously given by God, employ it in serving one another as is appropriate for good stewards of God's multi-faceted grace,
- ☑ **faithfully using the diverse, varied gifts and abilities granted to Christians by God's unmerited favor.** *--1 Peter 4:10 Amplified Bible*
- ☐ I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, ... according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. *--Isaiah 63:7* ☑ **Amen.**

SONG: AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

- 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.**
- 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. ►**

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.)

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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RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE

- The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. --John 1:14
- For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.** --John 1:16
- Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; for such was your gracious will.
- “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**
- “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- “For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”** —Matthew 11:25-30
- And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. —Luke 4:22
- The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.** —2 Corinthians 13:13

MEDITATION

Robbi Martin

SONG: BROKEN VESSELS (AMAZING GRACE)

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.*

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 and Chorus (Sing twice.)

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BENEDICTION

☐ The holy Three, the holy One, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and grant you peace.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**