

# ONE IN CHRIST LUTHERAN PARISH

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**AMAZING GRACE**  
**THE SEASON OF LENT**  
**“Isaiah of Babylon”**

## *Order of Worship*

*And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” Isaiah 6:7*

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Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 32:1-5

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

As we come together to worship in the presence of God, we confess our sins and seek God’s grace and mercy. Isaiah was given a vision of God enthroned in the temple and the prophet was frightened by what he saw. He knew that he was a sinner in the presence of the holy God of Israel. With the prophet, we acknowledge and confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**Almighty God, we know that we are sinners. We do not obey your holy law. We follow our sinful desires and listen to the temptations of the world around us. The prophet confessed that he was unclean. We too are unclean. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

An angel touched the prophet’s lips with a coal from the altar of sacrifice and said, “Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” Isaiah’s guilt was taken away. His sins were forgiven. As God showed grace to the prophet, he has shown his grace to us through Jesus’ atoning death. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)**

The prophet Isaiah was forgiven and sent out to proclaim the message of God’s judgment and grace. We too are forgiven and sent out to serve and to witness in Jesus’ name. With the prophet, we answer God’s call:

**Here I am! Send me!**

**OPENING HYMN**    “*Christ, the Life of All the Living*”    # 97

*Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
through your suff'ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.*

*You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,  
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;  
for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.*

*Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,  
for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;  
thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,  
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.*

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your amazing grace was displayed in the life of the prophet Isaiah. His guilt was taken away and his sins forgiven. You have, in grace, forgiven us through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus our Lord. You have called us to live in love and service toward others. As we go about our daily lives, help us by your Spirit to share with others the love of Jesus and the promise of salvation through faith in his name. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

**SECOND LESSON**

**Romans 10:14-17**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 9:35-38**

The gospel lesson for this evening is written in the ninth chapter of Matthew beginning with the 35<sup>th</sup> verse. **Glory to you O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“*Grace for the Despairing*”  
Pastor Randy Baldwin & Pastor Bill Peters

**HYMN**    “*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*”    #448

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

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

**OFFERING**    *ELCA Disaster Response for Turkey Earthquake Victims*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER**

Postlude



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# LENTEN WORSHIP

## "AMAZING GRACE"

*In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of "Amazing Grace," this worship series for Lent by theologian Michael Hoy ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today as Christ's disciples. Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God's mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior's death and resurrection.*

### **MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIPS**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

***Lenten Supper 6:15***

*Each week the midweek worship will be held at a different parish congregation.*



**March 8<sup>th</sup>** "The Prodigal Son" @ Winnebago

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** "The Blind Man" @ Bethany

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** "The Woman at the Well" @ Silver Lake

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** "Paul" @ Immanuel

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