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AMAZING GRACE THE SEASON OF LENT “The Prodigal Son”

Order of Worship

It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found. Luke 15:32

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Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 6:1-9

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

Amen.

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?

Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A son received a generous inheritance, but wasted it all in sinful living. He acknowledged his sin and returned in humble repentance, seeking his father’s mercy. Our gracious heavenly Father has given us so much, but we too have misused his gifts and wasted what we have received. Humbly repenting of our sins, we ask his forgiveness.

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are not always thankful for the gifts we have received, the gifts of family, home, work and friends. Daily we choose to follow paths that may lead us away from you, the pathways of our own desires. We turn away from your will and your Word. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who took up the path of the cross for us.

The father welcomed his wayward son and celebrated his return, saying, “My son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” God our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, showering us with his grace through Jesus, who suffered the penalty of death for our sins. 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.

OPENING SONG

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

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Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed; let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past, I may the eternal brightness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' parable, the father showed grace to his lost son, welcoming his son home even though he did not deserve such a welcome. You showed your grace to us when we were lost and dead in sin. You sent your only Son to seek and to save the lost. You are our Father and, in Christ, you welcome us back to yourself, forgiving our sins for Jesus' sake. So many people are still lost in the darkness of sin. Empower us with your Spirit to share with them the good news that Jesus died to save them and that you are eagerly waiting to welcome them home. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:12-13

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:11-32

The gospel lesson for this evening is written in the fifth chapter of Luke beginning with the 11th verse. **Glory to you O Lord.**

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

SERMON

"Grace for the Lost,"

Pastor Randy Baldwin & Pastor Bill Peters

SONG

"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 15th "The Blind Man" @ Bethany

March 22nd "The Woman at the Well" @ Silver Lake

March 29th "Paul" @ Immanuel



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◆Bethany ◆Immanuel ◆Lunder ◆Silver Lake ◆Winnebago

Lent 2

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