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AMAZING GRACE THE SEASON OF LENT “The Woman at the Well”

Order of Worship

Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.” John 4:13-14

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Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 146:5-10

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

Amen.

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?” ...

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,

And at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten me?

Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”

As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me,
While they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?”

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Samaritan woman met Jesus as he rested beside the well. Jesus knew that this woman had not lived according to God’s commandments, but he graciously invited her to drink of the water of eternal life. We do not live according to God’s commands as we should, yet he looks on us in grace and love. Let us come before him, confident in his steadfast love, to confess our sins and ask his forgiveness.

Almighty God, daily we sin against your commandments. We turn away from your Word and ways as we thirst after pleasures and temptations to satisfy our own desires. We are sorry for our sins and we thirst for your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto himself, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. 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. We are refreshed in the flood of his grace.

The living water that Jesus gives becomes a spring of water welling up to eternal life!

OPENING HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #803

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the woman of Samaria came to the well that day seeking only the refreshment of ordinary, earthly water. Jesus offered to her what he offers to us, the life-giving water that wells up within us and overflows into eternal life. You refresh us with your Spirit so that we will never thirst again. As the woman told others in her town that she had found the Messiah, lead us to be faithful witnesses for our Lord, so that people will believe in Jesus as their Savior and receive through him the refreshment of forgiveness and eternal life. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Three Rusty Nails"* Stone Soup

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:1-3

SECOND LESSON Revelations 7:9-17

GOSPEL LESSON John 4: 7-26

The gospel lesson for this evening is written in the fourth chapter of John beginning with the 7th verse. **Glory to you O Lord.**

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

SERMON *"Grace for Those Ashamed,"*
Pastor Randy Baldwin & Pastor Bill Peters

HYMN *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"* #779
*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, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us arise and confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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.**

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.** (4)

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.

All Lent worships will be live-streamed on

**One In Christ Lutheran Parish Facebook page
& later put on the YouTube Channel.**

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 29th "Paul"

@ Immanuel

HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday

Regular worship times

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm @ Lunder & Winnebago

Good Friday

2:00 pm Winnebago

3:00 pm Silver Lake

7:00 pm Bethany & Immanuel

Easter Sunday

7:00 am Bethany & Immanuel

9:00 am Silver Lake

10:30 am Lunder & Winnebago



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