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AMAZING GRACE THE SEASON OF LENT “Paul”

Order of Worship

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

1 Timothy 1:15

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:8-14

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

Amen.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

Nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Lord remembers that we are dust. He knows our fallen sinfulness and calls us to repent of our sins. Paul, who once persecuted the church, rejoiced in the grace he received and the mercy shown to him. Let us confess our sins to God and ask that he would show mercy to us.

Almighty God, with Paul we too are foremost in sin. We sin against you daily. With our words and actions, we hurt others, even those in the body of Christ, our brothers and sisters in faith. We turn from your Word and your ways to follow the path of our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

The Lord remembers that we are dust; he knows our sinful frame. He has shown grace to his servant Paul and to us through the gift of his Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus took our sins onto himself and carried them to the cross. 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.

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OPENING HYMN “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” #609

*Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.*

*Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above,
deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity.
Love that found me—wondrous thought—
found me when I sought him not.*

*Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart,
peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.*

*Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
all my wants to him are known, all my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life safe with him from earthly strife.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, even though Paul persecuted your church, arrested the faithful and approved of their deaths, you called him to be an ambassador for your kingdom, sending him into the world to spread the good news of salvation in Jesus. You have looked on us in grace and you have forgiven our sins. Help us to live in repentant humility and ever seek your mercy. By the power of your Spirit, lead us to grow in faith and in the knowledge of your Word so that we too can serve as faithful witnesses to our Savior's love. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 53:1-6

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:13-17

The gospel lesson for this evening is written in the second chapter of Mark beginning with the 13th verse. **Glory to you O Lord.**

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

SERMON

"Grace for the Wretched,"
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

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.

*All Lent worship services will be live-streamed on
One In Christ Lutheran Parish Facebook page
& later put on the YouTube Channel.*

HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday – April 2

Regular worship times

Maundy Thursday – April 6

7:00 pm @ Lunder & Winnebago

Good Friday – April 7

2:00 pm Winnebago

3:00 pm Silver Lake

7:00 pm Bethany & Immanuel

Easter Sunday – April 9

7:00 am Bethany & Immanuel

9:00 am Silver Lake

10:30 am Lunder & Winnebago



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