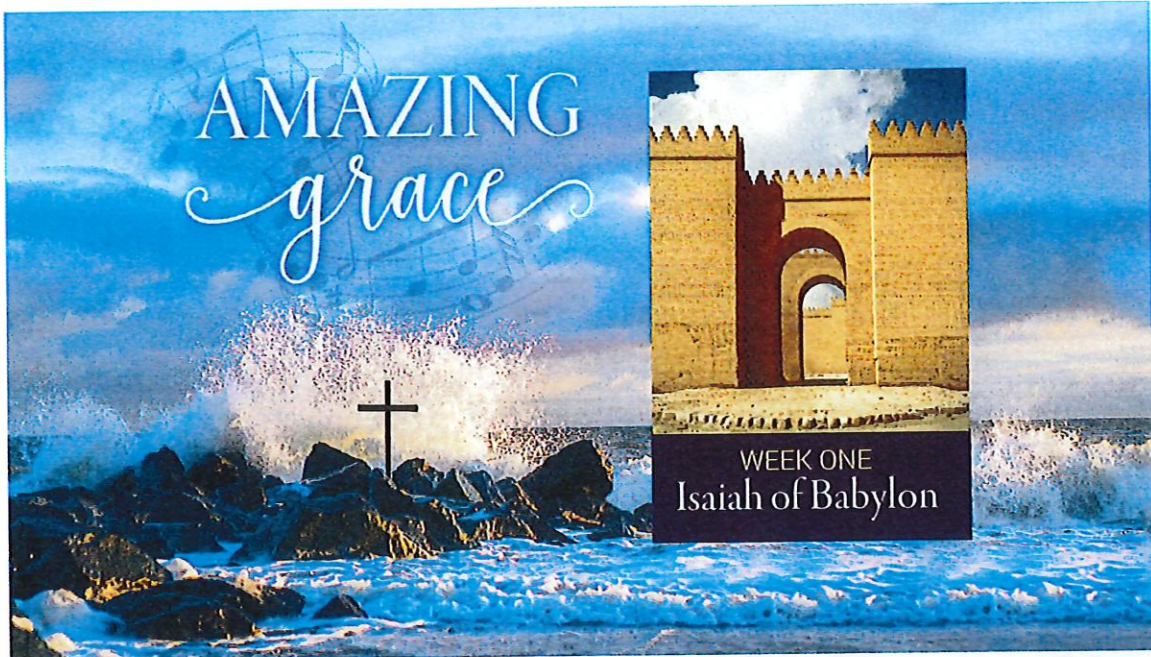


Amazing Grace Lent Worship Series

March 1, 2023, 7:30 PM



Isaiah of Babylon

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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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. for children & youth
Adult Bible Study in person at 10:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to our Amazing Grace series for Lent. In this service, we will see God's amazing grace at work in the life of the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed to God's people the salvation that was to come through the Suffering Servant. Our call in Lent is to speak that same message of salvation found in the suffering and death of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve.

OPENING HYMN "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB 420 verses 1,2,6



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32:1-5

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

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

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

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

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

People: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **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)**

Pastor: 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:

People: **Here I am! Send me!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**



ISAIAH 6:8

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be to God.**

EPISTLE

ROMANS 10:14-17

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks Be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

HYMN

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

LSB 531, verses 1 & 2



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
Thee were laid; By al - migh - ty love a - noint - ed, Thou hast



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.

SERMON

“Isaiah of Babylon”

Pastor Scott Henze

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744, verses 1,3,2

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!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, your grace is the favor you show to undeserving sinners. Just as you showed grace to the prophet Isaiah and forgave his sins, you have forgiven us for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Gracious Lord,
People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, during this season of Lent, a time of repentance, we remember that Jesus was sacrificed for our sins on the altar of the cross. As Isaiah's sins were burned away with a coal from the temple altar, our sins are washed away in Jesus' blood. Gracious Lord,
People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering illness, sorrow and grief. Lead us by your Spirit to comfort them with the promises of your holy Word and to bring help to them in their time of need. Gracious Lord,
People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, Isaiah was quick to answer your call. You sent him out with the message of your power and love. You asked, "Whom shall I send?" Bless the pastors, teachers, missionaries and others who answered your call and said, "Here I am. Send me." Watch over them and protect them as they proclaim the Gospel of salvation. By the power of your Spirit, extend your kingdom through the preaching of the good news. Gracious Lord,
People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, you have forgiven our sins. Now, by the power of your Spirit, make us bold witnesses for our Savior. You ask, "Whom shall I send?" Lead us to answer with joy, "Here I am! Send me!"
People: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**
Pastor: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

(Isaiah 6:7-8; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

People: Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

Chorus

Hark the voice of Jesus calling
Who will go and work today
Fields are white and harvest's waiting
Who will bear the sheaves away
Loud and long the Master calleth
Rich reward He offers free
Who will answer gladly saying
Here am I send me send me

Let none hear you idly saying
There is nothing I can do
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you
Take the task He gives you gladly
Let His work your pleasure be
Answer quickly when He calleth
Here am I send me send me
Answer quickly when He calleth
Here am I send me send me

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Midweek Lenten Worship Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 PM

March 8 - Midweek of Lent 2: "Amazing Grace" (The Prodigal Son)

March 15 - Midweek of Lent 3: "Amazing Grace" (The Blind Man)

March 22 - Midweek of Lent 4: "Amazing Grace" (The Woman at the Well)

March 29 - Midweek of Lent 5: "Amazing Grace" (Paul)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT!

SATURDAY, April 1 at 10:00 AM



Our annual EGG HUNT is one of our best community outreach events of the year. Please help this effort by donating pre-stuffed eggs. No chocolate please. Bring to the church office by Sunday, March 26.

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