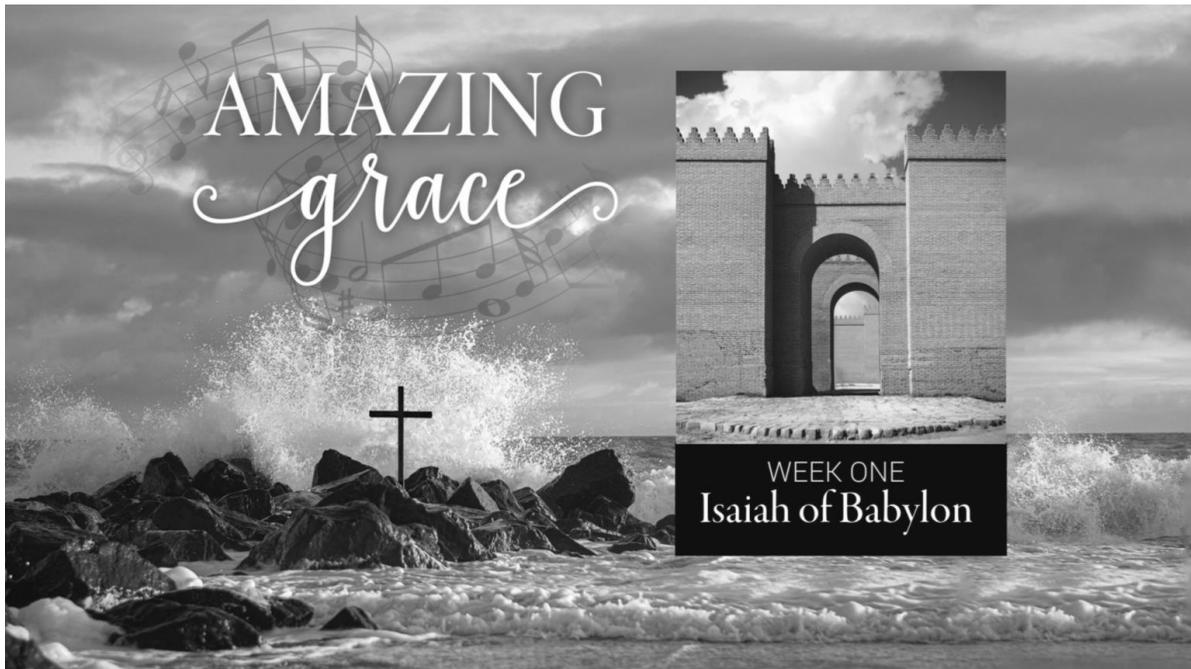


THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF LENT

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Tempe

March 1, 2023

12:00 p.m. & 7:00pm



Amazing Grace Lenten Series Week 1: Isaiah of Babylon

AS WE GATHER

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.

PRELUDE “Lamb of god Most Holy” -Setting by David Cherwien

PASTORAL WELCOME

THEME VERSE

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

OPENING PRAYER

P As we come together to worship, let us pray together our opening prayer.

C **O God, who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life; take my heart, every hardened edge and measured beat, and create something new in me. I need your newness, God, the rough parts of me made smooth; the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed; and all of me, forgiven. Having received your Amazing Grace, send me out by the power of your Spirit to try to show your perfect love again. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN.

“Christ, the Life of All the Living ” LSB #420 V:1, 2, 6

1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe: Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod; Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God! Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it
patiently, Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should
be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 32:1-5)

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

C Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C 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.

P 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.

C **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)**

P 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:

C **Here I am! Send me!**

HYMN OF ABSOLUTION

"Jesus Grant thy Balm and Healing" LSB 421 V 1, 4

1 **Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Your holy wounds I find, Ev'ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind. Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin, Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.**

4 **Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul. Yes, Your comfort renders sweet Ev'ry bitter cup I meet; For Your all-atoning passion Has procured my soul's salvation.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P 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.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON The Wrapped Up Gift

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

6 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. ² 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. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ 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!” ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” ⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:14-17

¹⁴ How then will they 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? ¹⁵ 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!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC (7 p.m. only)

"All Because of God's Amazing Grace" - Stephen Adams

GOSPEL REFRAIN

"Jesus Remember Me" LSB 767

1 Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-38

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵ 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. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

All: 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus" LSB #531

- 1 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation
bring. Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and
shame! By Thy merit we find favor: Life is given through
Thy name.**
- 3 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee
were laid; By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full
atonement made. All Thy people are forgiven Through the
virtue of Thy blood; Opened is the gate of heaven,
Reconciled are we with God.**
- 3 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's
side. There for sinners Thou art pleading; There Thou
dost our place prepare, Ever for us interceding
Till in glory we appear.**
- 4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to
receive; Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us**

to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise; Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

SERMON **Grace For The Despairing**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN **"Amazing Grace!" LBS #744 V. 1, 2**

- 1** **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!**

- 2** **The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P 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,

C **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

P 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,

C **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

P 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,

C **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

P 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,

C **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

P 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!”

C **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer. Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

C **Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P “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?”

C **Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”**

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

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Hark, The Voice of Jesus Crying ” LSB #826, St. 1, 4

1 **Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today? Fields are white and harvests waiting—Who will**

bear the sheaves away?” Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee. Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?

- 2 If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all. If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment’s dread alarms, You can lead the little children To the Savior’s waiting arms.**
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion’s wall, Pointing out the path to heaven, Off’ring life and peace to all, With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands; You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet’s hands.**
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,” While the multitudes 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!”**

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Lent:

March 1, We will have dinner at 6pm each week before the 7pm service only
12pm & 7pm First Wednesday in Lent Worship
8, 12pm & 7pm Second Wednesday in Lent Worship
15, 12pm & 7pm Third Wednesday in Lent Worship
22, 12pm & 7pm Fourth Wednesday in Lent Worship
29, 12pm & 7pm Fifth Wednesday in Lent Worship

Holy Week:

April 2, 10am Palm Sunday
6, 12pm & 7pm Maundy Thursday
7, 12pm & 7pm Good Friday

8, 7pm Easter Vigil

9, 8:00am Easter Sunrise Worship

9, 9:00am Easter Breakfast

9, 10am The Resurrection of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

POSTLUDE “My Heart is Filled With Longing” -Deiphin Strungk

SERVING US AT WORSHIP:

Officiant Preacher:

Rev. Tim Anderson

Organist/Director of Music:

Ellen Brown

Song Leader 7pm:

Charles Haynes

Special Music 7pm:

The Beautiful Savior Singers