

FOURTH SUNDY in LENT

Breaking Down Barriers

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8:00 am



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

The Reading of the Day is Ephesians 2:1-16. In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul reminded the Ephesian saints to hold fast to the grace of God and live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The letter was written, in other words, to declare the mystery of Christ and promote the reconciliation and unity found in Christ. False teaching divides God's people, but the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ brings the church together. As Paul reveals the glories of the mystery of God and His plan to bring unity through Christ, believers are encouraged to live as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WELCOME and REGISTER ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: TLH 166 Savior, When in Dust to Thee

- 1 Savior, when in dust to Thee
Low we bow the_adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all Thy pains and woe
Suffered once for us below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

- 2 By Thy helpless infant years,
By Thy life of want and tears,
By Thy days of deep distress
In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour
Of the_insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye; Hear our penitential cry!

- 3 By Thine hour of dire despair,
By Thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!
- 4 By Thy deep expiring groan,
By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored,
Mighty, reascended Lord,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Most merciful God, You have given Your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of You and Your will, and make us obedient to Your word, so that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained Servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 107:1-9; Antiphon verse 9

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: his love endures forever.

Pastor: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—

People: those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

Pastor: those he gathered from the lands,

People: from east and west, from north and south.

Pastor: Some wandered in desert wastelands,

People: finding no way to a city where they could settle.

Pastor: They were hungry and thirsty,

People: and their lives ebbed away.

Pastor: Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,

People: and he delivered them from their distress.

Pastor: He led them by a straight way

People: to a city where they could settle.

Pastor: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

People: and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

Pastor: for he satisfies the thirsty

People: and fills the hungry with good things.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

Pastor: for he satisfies the thirsty

People: and fills the hungry with good things.

KYRIE (Spoken Responses)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Father, we pray to You in one Spirit through one Lord, Jesus Christ, who has made us one new man through His shed blood. Thank You for raising us from the dead and making us alive with Christ, who is seated in the heavens. Help us to move forward as one people united in mission to reach the nations with the message of Your reconciling love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

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The Reading of the Day: Ephesians 2:1-16

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG: Amazing Grace Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I’m found Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I’ve been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love amazing grace

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow

The sun forbear to shine

But God Who called me here below

Will be forever mine

Will be forever mine You are forever mine

THE SERMON

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I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary.....evermore praising you and singing:

People (sing): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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 and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

People (sing): Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 565

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

- 1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart.
To whom save Thee, Who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;
Thy stripes, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole.
To whom save Thee, Who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God.
To whom save Thee, Who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.
To whom save Thee, Who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 5 Thy righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;
No righteousness avails Save that which is of Thee.
To whom save Thee, Who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 420 (verses 1-3)

Christ, the Life of All the Living

- 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.

- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 765

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

- 1 God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm.

- 2 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence Faith sees a smiling face.

- 3 His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.

- 4 Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain.

- 5 You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head.

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DISMISSAL, PRAYER and BENECTION

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 837 Lift High the Cross (verses 1-2, 6)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

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SEND OFF

Pastor: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!