



We celebrate faith by:

ROOTING our lives in a relationship with our God.

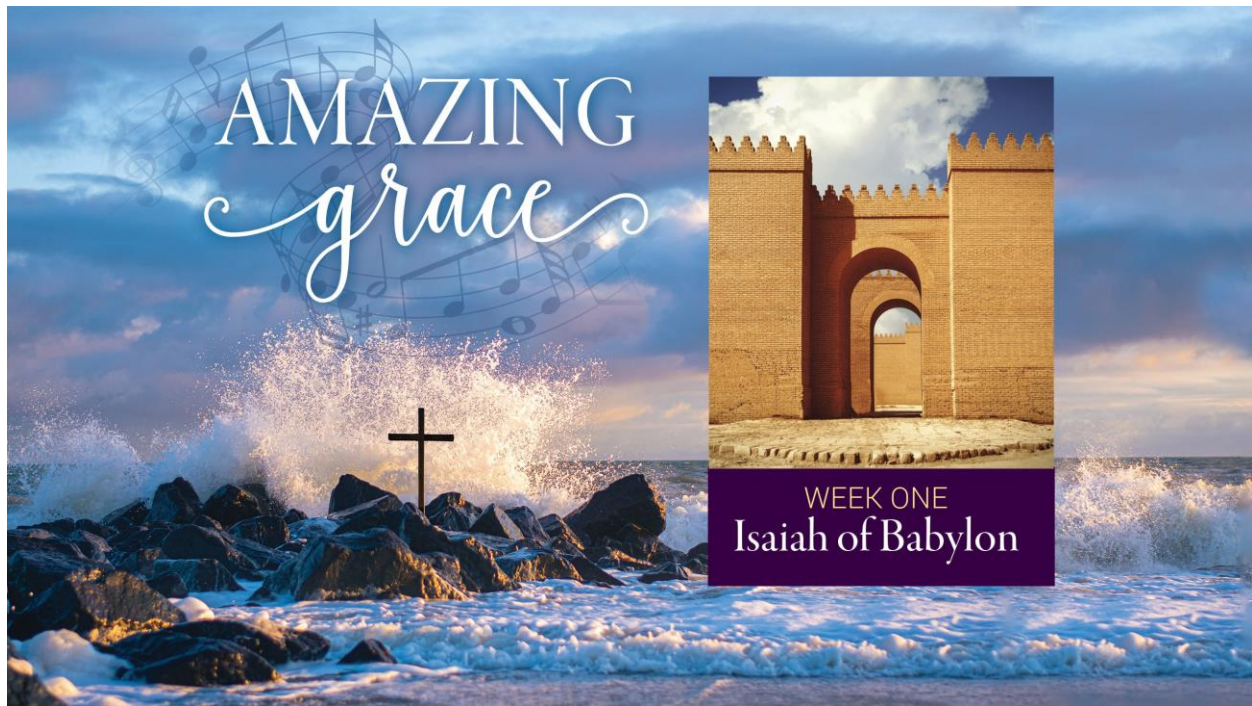
REJOICING in the gifts of life and love our God graciously offers.

REACHING out to our world with God's healing and hope!

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Evangelical Lutheran Church

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP
March 1st, 2023 – 6:00 PM



Pastor: Rev. Joel Samuelson
Minister of Discipleship: Michelle Hintz
Vocalist/Pianist Accompanist: Krisha Fuller

Every Wednesday, 6:00 PM: March 1st to March 29th
Tonight's Theme: "Isaiah of Babylon"

NEXT WEEK: "The Prodigal Son"

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Amen.**

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

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

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

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

L: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity.

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

OPENING SONG

"Surely the Presence"

Grey #243

"Lead Me to the Cross"

(see overhead)

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

(Please be seated as we prepare ourselves for confession through silence and prayerful reflection.)

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: **AMEN.**

L: Isaiah 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 for-giveness.

ALL: **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 con-fessed that he was unclean. We too are unclean. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and deeds. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

Please use the next few moments of SILENCE to offer your heart to God in quiet confession.

L: 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.

ALL: AMEN.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

"Think About His Love"

"King of My Heart"

Grey #50 (Repeat)

(See Overhead)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

God speaks to us through Scripture, Preaching, and Song.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-8

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:35-38



Tonight's Message:

"Isaiah of Babylon"

Minister of Discipleship Michelle Hintz

THANKSGIVING

We respond with gratitude for God's gracious gifts.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

(See Overhead)

OFFERING MOMENT

"The Love of God"

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LORD'S PRAYER

(See Overhead)

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

(vv. 3&4)

DISMISSAL

L: “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?”

ALL: **Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.**

L: Go in peace to serve God! Be of good courage and hold fast to that which is good!

ALL: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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PLAN TO JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00PM!

IN NEED OF HEALING – Ron & Donna Wilkinson, Birdie Fode, Alice Neuberger, Ellen Bartz, Judy Zhorela, Gerald Johnson, Sidney Weigel, Darlene Frieze, Doris Lowe, Lori LaCoe, Lou Ann Heinle, Sally Weisgram, Vic Huber, Julie Schepp

CANCER CARE – Gary Dietz, Marty Well, Colby, Arlene Walch, Christine Raulston, Arlene (Stephanie Luebke’s Mom), Ray Huber, Dick Olson, Hillary Groseclose, Ron Schepp, George Frye, David, Ray Seifert, Carmen Ruud, Wanda

Join us for our Amazing Grace Lenten series based on the beloved song that celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. We experience the amazing grace of God in confession and forgiveness this Lent as we look toward the cross of Christ that made our freedom from sin possible.

Join us every Wednesday during Lent for this series!

March 1st-Isaiah of Babylon

March 8th-Prodigal Son

March 15th-The Blind Man

March 22nd-The Woman at the Well

March 29th-Paul

Holy Week Services

April 6th, 6:30p-Maundy Thursday service, First Communion for 5th graders

April 7th, 6:30p-Good Friday service

April 9th, 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am Easter services