

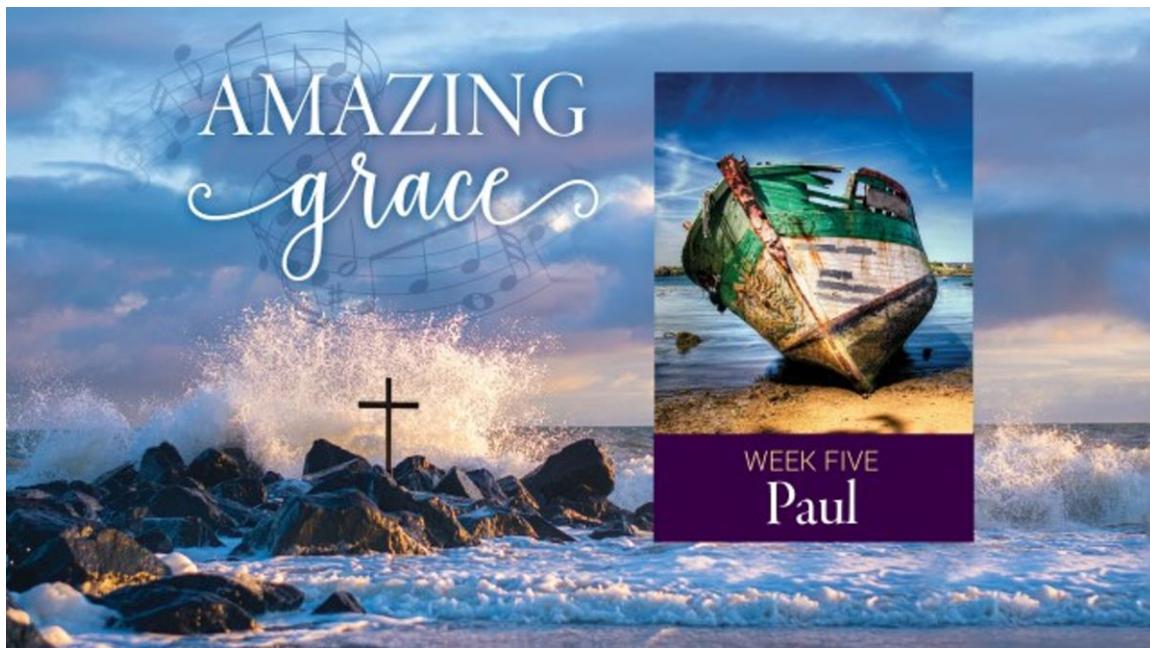
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

“AMAZING GRACE – PAUL”

Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Gathering Music:

Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.



Invocation and Prayer

Introduction of Today's Theme

Leader: Our theme verse for today is 1 Timothy 1:15: "*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.*"

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

All: He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

All: Nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

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

Leader: As a father shows compassion to His children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

All: For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

Leader: 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.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: 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.

All: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

All: **God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**



Hymn: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" – LW #231

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD *(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7)*

First Reading: Isaiah 53:1 – 6

Reader: This is God's Word

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12 – 17

Reader: This is God's Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Reading: Mark 2:13 – 17

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



MARK 2:13-17 pray



Song: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" – LW #285

Message: "Amazing Grace – Paul" – Pastor Tom Hurley

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

 **Nicene Creed** – *(All speak together)*

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 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 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 catholic 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.



The Prayers – Congregation response, “Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.”

Offering – The offering plate is by the door as you exit today.

WE ARE REFRESHED BY GOD’S GRACE

Pastor: Welcome to the celebration! God who supplies our every need has given us this amazing meal to share. Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life. We come to the table, acknowledging our shortcomings and our need to receive You in the bread and wine, Your body and blood. Lord, we thank You for Your Amazing Grace.

Words of Institution



Lord’s Prayer:

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.

Communion



*Please come to the Altar to participate in the Sacrament. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say to each communicant, “**The Body of Christ, given for you...**” “**The Blood of Christ, shed for you.**” The communicant may say, “**Amen.**” Non-communicating adults and children can cross (X) their arms while at the Altar and receive a blessing.*

Dismissal Blessing

Pastor: May the receiving of our Lord’s body and blood strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD’S GRACE

Closing Litany: Psalm 51:1 – 5, 10 – 15

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

All: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Benediction

Pastor: He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and grant you His eternal Peace. Amen.



Closing Hymn: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” – LW #509

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE – **Barb Kutschinski's Memorial Service** has been proponed.

HOLY WEEK – Our celebration of **Holy Week** is **Palm Sunday – April 2; Maundy Thursday @7pm – April 6; Good Friday @ 5pm – April 7; and Easter – April 9.**

ADULT FORUM – Join us **Monday morning at 9:30 on ZOOM.** Look for the **ZOOM invitation in your email each Sunday afternoon.**

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY:

Lay Leader: Dwayne Warren
Comm. Assistant: Dwayne Warren
Ushers/Greeter: Lance & Susan Desmond
Reader: Nancy Warren
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: Susan Desmond
Counter: Shirley Gremmels
Fellowship: Dwayne & Nancy Warren

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:

Lay Leader: Judy Montoya
Comm. Assistant: ***No Comm.**
Usher/Greeter: Nelson & Shirley Gremmels
Reader: Linda Sotto
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: **Cecilia Bowman***
Counter: Shirley Gremmels
Fellowship: Linda Sotto & Joy Bloom

**No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

BIRTHDAY: Kathleen Miller

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Dwight & Joseph Worthington (*Grandsons of the Bakken's*), Esteban Ramirez (*Grandson of Mercedes See*), and 2nd Lt. Charles Gremmels (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels and Grandson of Nelson & Shirley*).

SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:

Dan Bastien – Prayers for recovery from double knee surgery.

Kathleen Miller – Prayers for recovery after spinal stenosis surgery.

Steve Hendricks – He is home now, prayers recovery from colon surgery (*Diana's brother*).

Irena Surincakova – Pastor John's cousin in Czech Republic, prayers post-op healing.

Ken Benson – Prayers to heal his broken shoulder, and continued healing from cancer.

Carmen Roncancio – Prayer for God to provide peace of mind and a resolution for her family.

Alberta Winterboer – Suffered a stroke and is recovering (*Brigitte's ex-Mother-in-law*).

Xanthia Warren – Prayers for sustaining health.

Fern Johnson – Having severe asthma problems, pray for restored health.

Mike Gremmels – Prayers for successful recovery after surgeries.

Lance Desmond – Prayers for a kidney replacement, as he continues dialysis.

Joyce Semar – (**8 mos. old**) Prayers for heart surgery recovery (*Parents: Ryan & Barb – related to the Gremmels*).

Bret Winterboer – Prayers for continued strength, recovering from stroke (*Brigitte's son & Ken's grandson*).

Jules Schindler – Pray for scalp to heal, maximum bed rest and overall health.

COVID 19 – Prayer for a miraculous solution and remedy from the world pandemic.



First Reading: Isaiah 53:1 – 6

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

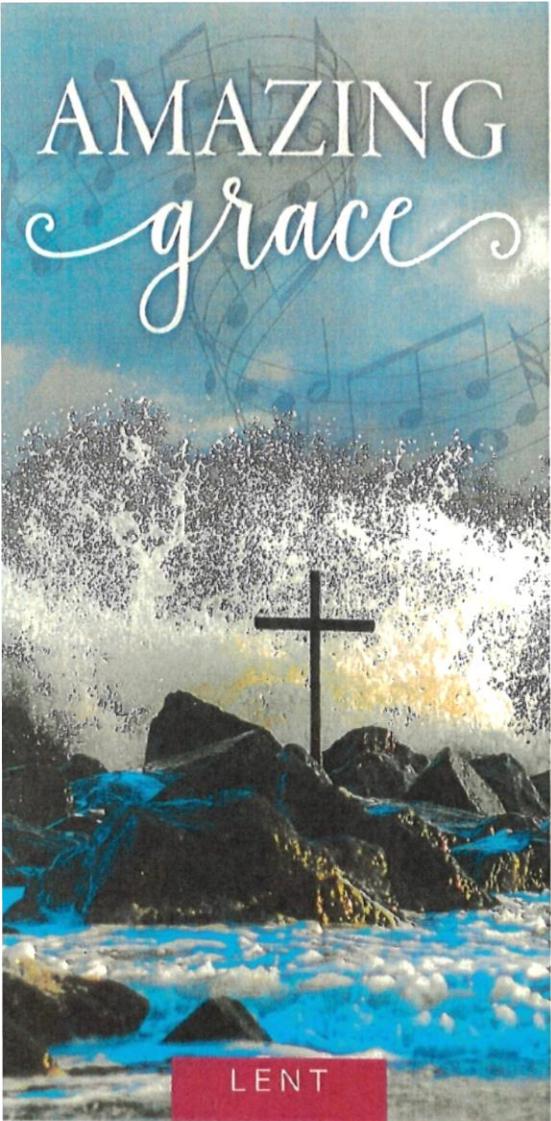
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12 – 17

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 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. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen

Gospel Reading: Mark 2:13 – 17

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

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LENT



ASH WEDNESDAY
David



WEEK ONE
Isaiah of Babylon



WEEK TWO
The Prodigal Son



WEEK THREE
The Blind Man

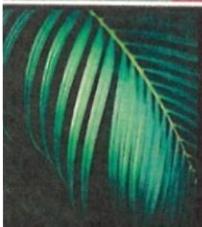


WEEK FOUR
The Woman at the Well



WEEK FIVE
Paul

HOLY WEEK



PALM/PASSION
SUNDAY
Peter



MAUNDY
THURSDAY
John



GOOD
FRIDAY
The Penitent Thief



EASTER
SUNDAY
Mary Magdalene