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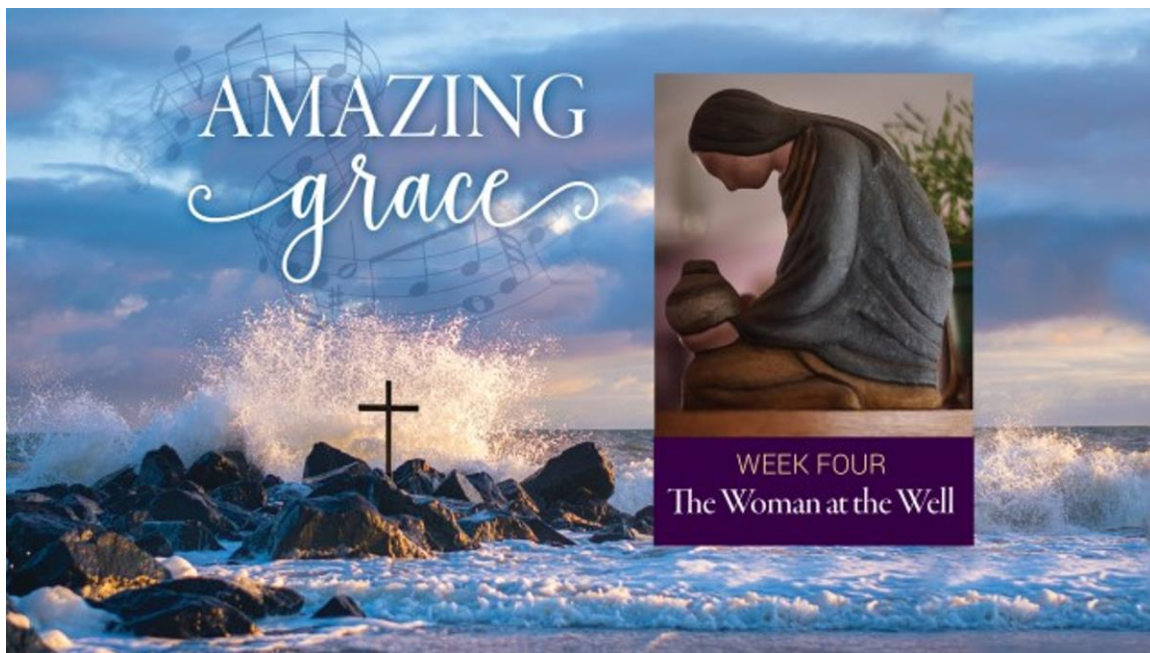
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Fourth Sunday of Lent

“AMAZING GRACE – WOMAN AT THE WELL”

*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 verses for today are John 4:13 – 14. Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.”

Leader: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Leader: When shall I come and appear before God?

All: My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, “Where is your God?” ...

Leader: By day the Lord commands His steadfast love,

All: And at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

Leader: I say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten me?”

All: Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

All: Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

Leader: Let us pray: Almighty God, the woman of Samaria came to the well seeking only the refreshment of ordinary, earthly water. Jesus offered to her what he offers to us, the life-giving water that wells up within us and overflows into eternal life. You refresh us with Your Spirit so that we will never thirst again. As the woman told others in her town that she had found the Messiah, lead us to be witnesses for our Lord, so that people will believe in Jesus as their Savior and receive through Him the refreshment of forgiveness and eternal life. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: The Samaritan woman met Jesus as He rested beside the well. Jesus knew that this woman had not lived according to God's commandments, but He graciously invited her to drink of the water of eternal life. We do not live according to God's commands as we should, yet He looks on us in grace and love. Let us come before Him, confident in His steadfast love, to confess our sins and ask His forgiveness.

All: **Almighty God, daily we sin against Your commandments. We turn away from Your Word and ways, as we thirst after pleasures and temptations to satisfy our own desires. We are sorry for our sins and we thirst for Your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

Pastor: God has had mercy on us. He sent His Son to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto Himself, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. 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. We are refreshed in the flood of His grace. Amen.



Opening Song: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" – LW #109 vs. 1 – 4

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)



First Reading: Isaiah 55:1 – 3

Reader: This is God's Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9 – 17

Reader: This is God's Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Reading: John 4:7 – 29

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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



Song of the Day: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" – LW #115



Message: "Amazing Grace – The Woman at the Well" – Pastor Tom Hurley

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

† Apostles Creed – *(All speak together)*

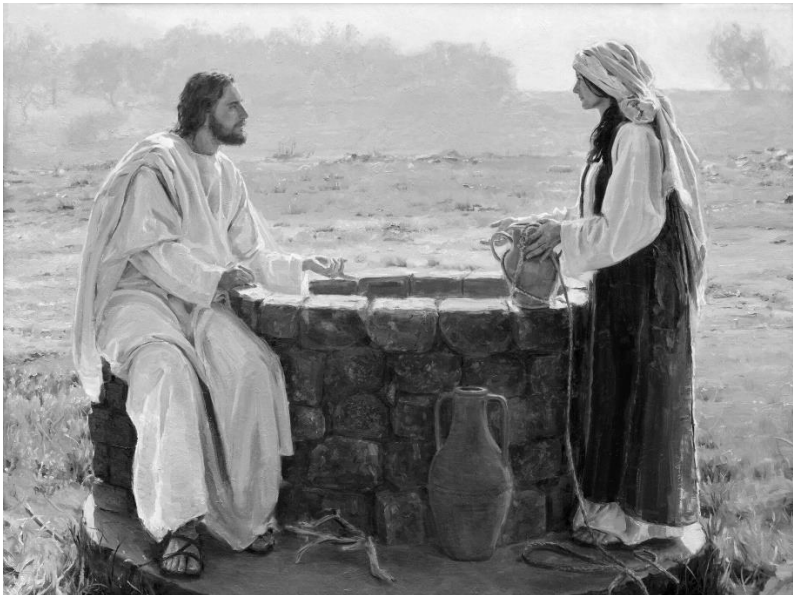
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the 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.

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

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

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.



WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE

Closing Litany: Psalm 63 vs. 1 – 8

Leader: O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

All: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

All: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night,

Leader: for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

All: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Benediction

Pastor: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

All: They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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



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

Announcements

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE – Join us in the celebration of life for **Barb Kutschinski** on **Sunday, April 2nd at 3:30pm.**

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: Judy Montoya
Comm. Assistant: **No Comm.*
Ushers/Greeter: John & Gail Hutson
Reader: Doug Holm
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: *Daina Vitols**
Counter: Chuck Bakken
Fellowship: John & Gail Hutson

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:

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

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

BIRTHDAY: None

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Phil and Kim Colonnelli (40th Wedding Anniversary today)

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*) Recovery from heart surgery (*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 55:1 – 3

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9 – 17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for-ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gospel Reading: John 4:7 – 29

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will be-come in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';

for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (*he who is called Christ*). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

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HOLY WEEK

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

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
Peter

MAUNDY THURSDAY
John

GOOD FRIDAY
The Penitent Thief

EASTER SUNDAY
Mary Magdalene