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# Bethlehem

LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Second Sunday in Lent

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*Morning Song*

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# MORNING SONG WORSHIP

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## Welcome & Announcements

## Invitation to Worship (*Please Stand*)

### *This is Amazing Grace*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings.  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

**Chorus:** This is amazing grace,  
This is unfailing love,  
That You would take my place,  
That You would bear my cross.  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order,  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of glory, the King of glory.  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings. (chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy, worthy, worthy! (chorus)

## Prayer of Confession

Loving Father, thank you for sending Your Son into the world that we might have eternal life. We confess that we are sinful. We place our faith in ourselves instead of in You. We are proud and all too often foolish. Please forgive us. We ask that You would fill us with Your Spirit, to help us in our unbelief and to increase our faith every day. Give us humble and contrite hearts so that we might serve You and our neighbors. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Words of Grace

## Song of Response

### *Lord, I Need You*

Lord, I come, I confess,  
Bowling here I find my rest.  
And without You I fall apart.  
You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.

Every hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness,

Oh, God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

And where You are, Lord, I am free.

Holiness is Christ in me. (chorus)

So teach my song to rise to You,

When temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You,  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You.  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay. (chorus)  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh, God, how I need You.

## Scripture Readings *(Please Sit)*

### *Genesis 12:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## *Romans 4:1-8, 13-17*

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

*(Please Stand)*

*John 3:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn

the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## Creed

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.

Kids' Talk

*(Please Sit)* Eric Oswald, DCE

Message

*How's Your Credit*

Pastor Phil Alexander

Offering

*Bringing tithes and financial gifts to the Lord is an act of worship. These offerings help to accomplish ministry both here at Bethlehem and around the world. May God bless your response of faith.*

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## *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

You call me out upon the waters,  
The great unknown where feet may fail.  
And there I find You in the mystery.  
In oceans deep, my faith will stand.

**Chorus:** And I will call upon Your name.  
And keep my eyes above the waves,  
When oceans rise.  
My soul will rest in Your embrace.  
For I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters.  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,  
You've never failed and You won't start now. (chorus)

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me.  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger,  
In the presence of my Savior. (repeat 2 times)

I will call upon Your name.  
Keep my eyes above the waves.  
My soul will rest in Your embrace.  
I am Yours and You are mine.

## Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

*(Please Stand)*

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.

## Benediction

P:The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with his favor and give you peace.

C:Amen.

## Closing Praise

### *The Wonderful Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name. (repeat)

Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## Sending

P:Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C:Thanks be to God.

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