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Contemporary Praise

The Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Song

Chris Lehne, Organist

“Good Good Father”

*Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone*

(Chorus)

*You're a good good Father
It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by You*

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

*Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need before we say a word (Chorus)*

*Cause You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways; You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
You are perfect in all of Your ways; You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us*

*Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still; as You call me deeper still; as You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love
(Chorus x3)*

“Eye of the Storm”

Refrain:

*In the eye of the storm, You remain in control
In the middle of the war, You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor When my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me In the eye of the storm
When my hopes and dreams Are far from me
And I'm running out of faith
I see the future I pictured Slowly fade away
And when the tears of pain and heartache are fallin' down my face
I find peace in my Jesus' name (Refrain 2x)*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Savior, forgive us our sins. We confess that we do not hold you close in our daily lives. We confess that we separate our decisions from your will. We confess that we insist on paths of destruction rather than paths of life. We confess that we prefer to be admired rather than faithful. Forgive us we pray. Realign our wills with your hopes for us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God's hope for us is here for the knowing. Be blessed with grace and peace as a forgiven people.

Psalm

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture

Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-15

*The Response

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."

*The Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

"Good Sight in the Muddiness of Life"

"He (Jesus) put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."

Eucharistic Hymn

(Tune of "Be Thou My Vision")

**God of Creation, you gather us here,
You who release from bondage and fear,
You who make all things, and make all things new
Gladly we sing our thanksgiving to you.**

**Light of the world, Christ, you healed the blind,
Freed us from chains of oppression that bind,
Died with our dying! Our life is in you:
Raised with your raising, we live life anew.**

**Spirit unite us, and make our hearts new.
Help us by grace to live lives that are true,
Touch with your healing and see with your sight,
Live in your pure love and shine with your light.**

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering

*It is a blessing to have you listening or watching with us this morning. Offerings are given as an act of worship for those who consider Grace Lutheran or Providence Valley Lutheran their home congregation. Visitors should not feel obligated to give an offering for our ministry. During this time of uncertainty, our congregations still rely on the gracious giving of our members. Grace Lutheran has options to give **online via our website, gracedawson.org** under the Online Giving tab or you can download our offering app on your phone! Simply search for "Give +" in your App Store and set up your account! As a reminder to Thrivent Financial members, please direct your Choice Dollars to Grace or Providence by March 31, 2020. Donations for Grace or Providence can be brought to the Grace Church Office at any time. Offerings can also be mailed to:*

Grace Lutheran Church PO Box 549 Dawson, MN 56232

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Contact the office for help with any of these options.

*The Offertory Song

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
'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.**

**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
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 Offertory Prayer

O God, you have given us all that we have. You breathed life into us and continue to fill us with your life-giving Spirit. You poured out your love for us that we may have life. May these gifts be used in your service, that all may receive your many blessings. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*The 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.

*The Blessing & Dismissal

*The Closing Song

"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
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings*

Refrain:

*This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, That You would bear my cross
You lay 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 (To Refrain)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy is the King who conquered the grave (x3)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Worthy, worthy, worthy (To Refrain)*

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This Week at Grace

Sunday, March 22–

8:30 Contemporary Worship Live Radio Broadcast

Monday, March 23–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Tuesday, March 24–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

1:00 Dawson Area Food Shelf Open

Wednesday, March 25–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

8:00 Lenten Worship Radio Broadcast

Thursday, March 26–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Friday, March 27–

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

Saturday, March 28–

Sunday, March 29–

8:30 Traditional Worship Live Radio Broadcast

Tentative Lenten Worship Activities

Wednesdays–

8:00pm Lenten Worship Service Radio
Broadcast

Sundays–

8:30am Live Worship Radio Broadcast
8:00pm Worship Radio Broadcast

Thursday, April 9–

Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service at
Providence Valley w/Choir

Friday, April 10–

Good Friday

7:00pm Tenebrae Service at Grace w/Choir

Sunday, April 12–

Easter Sunday

7:00am Sunrise Service at Grace
7:30am Youth Board Easter Breakfast
8:30am Easter Festival Service at Grace
9:00am Easter Festival Service at Providence
Valley
10:00am Easter Festival Service at Grace

Sunday, April 26–

10:45am Easter Music presented by Sunday
School Grades 1-6

Announcements

Keep in mind during this time of uncertainty that any and all events are subject to change with little or no notice. Please stay safe and healthy!

*There will be no worship at Grace Lutheran or Providence Lutheran Churches until further notice.

*Student Meal pickup will take place at our Main East Entrance from 11:00-12:00 M-F. *Dawson Area Food Shelf will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 1-4:00pm. We have extra safety measures in place. Please read signs as you come in.

*Worship services will air on 92.1FM on Wednesdays at 8 pm & Sundays at 8:30 am. Bulletins and service videos will be posted on our websites. Please contact the church office if you need a Sunday bulletin delivered.

*All church meetings/activities have been cancelled.

*Spring Sub Sales have been postponed. We'll be in touch with the youth in the future.

*The Mission Trip Pie Auction is postponed.

*The Youth Green Meal has been cancelled.

*There are volunteers available to run errands/bring meals to those who do not feel safe leaving their homes right now. Please contact the church office if you need assistance.

* We open our hearts to those who will be financially impacted during this time. There are resources available. We have volunteers ready to make meals and bring donations. Please contact the church office. We are praying for you and your families' continued safety and well-being.

We can't thank you all enough for your kindness and understanding through all of this. We have witnessed many of you opening your hearts and truly loving your neighbors. It is a blessing to see so many of you living the Gospel in your daily lives. We will continue to keep you updated as we know more.

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