

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Congregational Study - "Christian" (Wk 5 - When Gracie Met Truthy)

Saturday, March 10, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 11, 2018 - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Based on the Service of Prayer & Preaching LSB pg. 260

As We Gather

We must come to grips with God as He is, not as we wish Him to be. In John 1:14, we hear that Jesus is the fullness of both grace and truth. We often have a tough time holding these two concepts together in our own lives. How can I be both gracious ('utterly forgiving') and truthful ('unashamedly honest') in my interactions? In Jesus, we come face to face with the unquenchable mercy of God and yet the unabashed truth of God. As C.S. Lewis once reflected upon in his book series, "The Chronicles of Narnia"—our God is not a tame God. He is not a product of wishful thinking, nor is He a God easily shaped by our desires. He will always resist our attempts to fit Him neatly into our categories and conceptions. He calls us to maintain the tension within the truth of His Word and the grace of His word.

Prelude & Welcome

Entrance Hymn (Please stand on last verse) "By Grace I'm Saved"

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

Baptism (6:30 p.m.) (Please be seated) Jay & Amber Young



Opening Sentences

L: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

L: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C: **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

L: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C: **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“By Grace I’m Saved”

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5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation’s furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father’s heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I’ll rest when dying;
In Jesus’ promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart’s condition,
I also know my Savior’s voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

✝ The Word of the Lord ✝

(Please be seated)

First Reading

“God’s Word: Getting to the Heart of the Matter”

Hebrews 4:12-13

L: The word of God is living and active,

C: **sharper than any two-edged sword,**

L: piercing to the division of soul and of spirit,

C: **discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

L: No creature is hidden from His sight,

C: **but all are naked to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

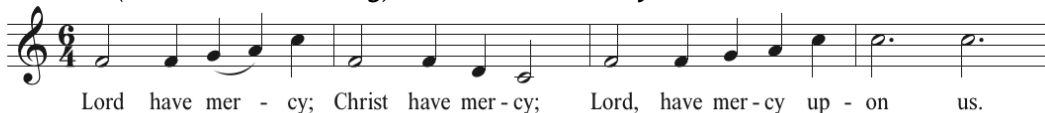
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading**“Saved by Grace ... and ... Created for Works”***Ephesians 2:1-10*

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn Verse (Please stand and sing) “Lord Have Mercy”*Tune LSB 673***Holy Gospel****“Full of Grace ... and ... Full of Truth”***John 1:1-5, 9-14*

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer for the Word

L: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

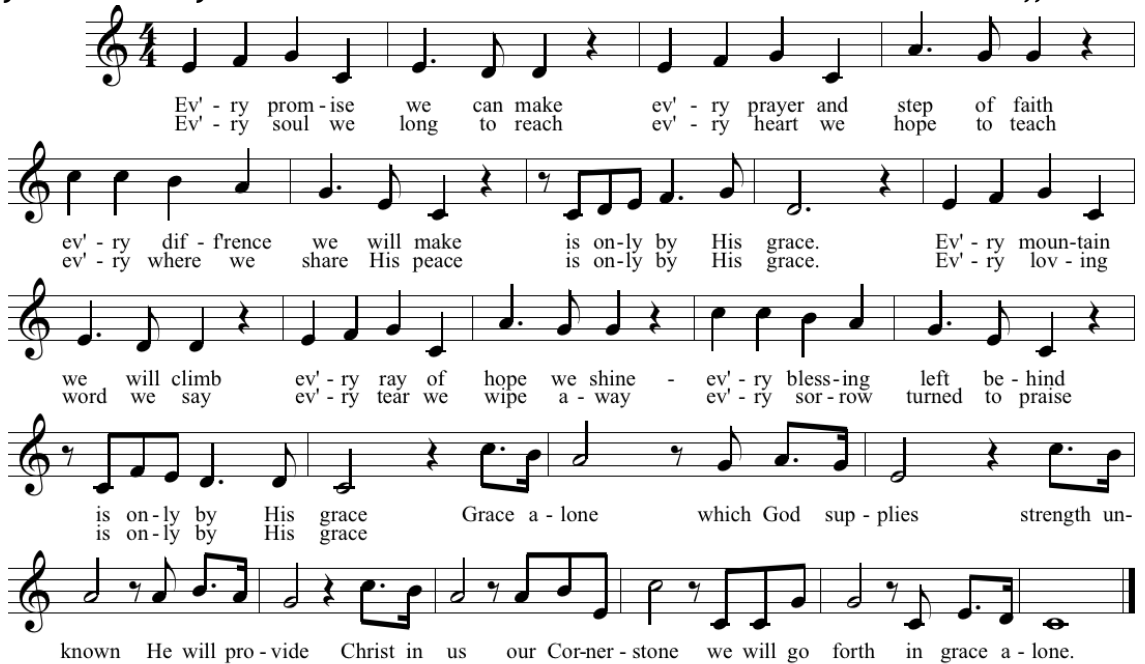
C: Amen.

Children's Message (8:00 & 10:45 a.m.) (Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day

"Grace Alone"

Scott Brown & Jeff Nelson



Ev' - ry prom - ise we can make ev' - ry prayer and step of faith
Ev' - ry soul we long to reach ev' - ry heart we hope to teach

ev' - ry dif - frence we will make is on - ly by His grace. Ev' - ry moun - tain
ev' - ry where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace. Ev' - ry lov - ing

we will climb ev' - ry ray of hope we shine - ev' - ry bless - ing left be - hind
word we say ev' - ry tear we wipe a - way ev' - ry sor - row turned to praise

is on - ly by His grace Grace a - lone which God sup - plies strength un -
is on - ly by His grace

known He will pro - vide Christ in us our Cor - ner - stone we will go forth in grace a - lone.

After last verse:

Grace a-lone which God sup-plies strength un-known He will pro-
vide Christ in us our Cor-ner-stone we will go forth in grace a-lone.
we will go forth in grace a-lone.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

— Psalm 96:1-3

"Christian" (Week 5 - When Gracie Met Truthy)

1) Temptation #1 - Taking the _____ called

_____ .
¹³ "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matthew 7:13-14).

2) Temptation #2 - Resolving the _____ between _____ (_____) and _____ (_____).

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works... (Ephesians 2:8-10a).

3) Jesus was, is, and ever will be the _____ of God, so that you may be _____ to _____.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows (Psalm 23:5).

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free... (Romans 8:1-2a).

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at clcs.org/sermons.

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer *(Please stand)*

The Small Catechism

L: Jesus taught us to begin our prayers by calling upon "Our Father in heaven." This is not only a confession of who our God is, but also our relationship with Him. What does it mean that the Creator of everything has revealed Himself to us in this unique way?

C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Confession of Sins & Proclamation of Forgiveness

P: We come before our loving Father acknowledging that we have not lived by His gracious will for our lives. Let us therefore confess our need for His grace and His truth to be at work within our lives.

C: Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Creedal Hymn—Our Confession of Faith "Glory Be to God the Father"

LSB 506

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship *(Please be seated)*

(Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.)

Gathering of Offerings

(As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts. We trust Him to supply all our needs. If you would like to give your offering electronically, you can use www.clcs.org/donate or the QR code here.)



Special Music *(10:45 a.m.)*

“Deep, Deep Love”

Calvary Chorale

Prayer of the Church *(Please stand)*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For *(...special petitions)*, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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 8:00 a.m. service continues on page 10.

Holy Communion - Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

As you approach the Lord's table, please move to the cross on the center rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available on the two stands at the front of the church.

Worshippers with a gluten allergy may pick up a sealed packet on their way to the communion rail.

✠ Service of Holy Communion ✠
6:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Words of Institution & the Peace of the Lord


P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

"Be Present at Our Table, Lord"

LSB 775



Be pres - ent at our ta - ble, Lord; Be here and
ev - 'ry - where a - dored; Thy crea - tures bless, and
grant that we May feast in par - a - dise with Thee.



Distribution Hymns (Please be seated) “Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

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| <p>1 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!</p> <p>2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.</p> <p>3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.</p> | <p>4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven’s joy and peace.</p> <p>5 When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.</p> |
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“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

LSB 545

1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks God’s ten - der love, One with God be -

heav’n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav’n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,

Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Post-Communion Hymn (Please stand) "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

LSB 680

3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the

ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise

Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the

sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the

liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Communion Blessing

8:00 a.m. service continues here

Morning Prayer (8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.)

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“We Are His Disciples”

Emily & Tony Spelde



Je sus gives the com - mand to love as _____ He loves us.
Lo - ving one and _____ all as He first _____ loved _____ us
Let no debt re - main ex - cept love for one and all
Shine our light burning bright re - flect our God's end less love.

As Christ loved us we should love as our Lord sent from a - bove
Drawn to You in joy and strife, Je - sus our true source of life
He loved us so we should show, Je - sus' love so all may know
His com - pas - sion love and grace show to all the hu - man race

Je sus gives the com - mand to love as _____ He loves us.
Lo - ving one and _____ all as He first _____ loved _____ us
Let no debt re - main ex - cept love for one and all
Shine our light burning bright re - flect our God's end - less love.

By this it will show that we _____ are _____ His di - sci ples

Postlude



And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. — Colossians 3:17