

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

2nd Sunday in Lent

MARCH 5, 2023

10AM IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

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GATHERING SONG

WELCOME & GREETING

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us into the vineyard,
For there is much work to be done.
No matter when we get there,
God rewards us with generosity.

OPENING SONG

"We Will Wait"

CCLI# 1941957

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Gracious God,
You call us all into your holy work, and reward according to your generosity, rather than our deserving. Give us the same heart of generosity toward others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 20:1-16 (CEV)

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve. The parable was hard to hear, but God's generosity is always good news.

As Jesus was telling what the kingdom of heaven would be like, he said:

Early one morning a man went out to hire some workers for his vineyard. ²After he had agreed to pay them the usual amount for a day's work, he sent them off to his vineyard. ³About nine that morning, the man saw some other people standing in the market with nothing to do. ⁴He

promised to pay them what was fair, if they would work in his vineyard. ⁵ So they went. At noon and again about three in the afternoon he returned to the market. And each time he made the same agreement with others who were loafing around with nothing to do. ⁶ Finally, about five in the afternoon the man went back and found some others standing there. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?" ⁷ "Because no one has hired us," they answered. Then he told them to go work in his vineyard. ⁸ That evening the owner of the vineyard told the man in charge of the workers to call them in and give them their money. He also told the man to begin with the ones who were hired last. ⁹ When the workers arrived, the ones who had been hired at five in the afternoon were given a full day's pay. ¹⁰ The workers who had been hired first thought they would be given more than the others. But when they were given the same, ¹¹ they began complaining to the owner of the vineyard. ¹² They said, "The ones who were hired last worked for only one hour. But you paid them the same that you did us. And we worked in the hot sun all day long!" ¹³ The owner answered one of them, "Friend, I didn't cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on. ¹⁴ Take your money now and go! What business is it of yours if I want to pay them the same that I paid you? ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Why should you be jealous, if I want to be generous?" ¹⁶ Jesus then said, "So it is. Everyone who is now last will be first, and everyone who is first will be last."

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

REFLECTION

Pastor Kara Baylor

SONG OF THE DAY

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

CCLI# 4768151

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, do not let us think we can decide what others deserve to have. Give us hearts as generous as yours, that we might offer our gifts in service to your children with no strings attached. Bless what we bring before you today, for your work of compassion and justice in the world. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the promise of Jesus Christ's unending love, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Merciful God, You hear our prayer.

We lift these prayers to you, Gracious God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, our savior.
Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

At this time, we will prepare hearts to receive the gift of Holy Communion.

*If you will be staying in your seat for communion today, please bring out your pre-sealed communion cups
at this time so we can bless the elements together.*

WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ calls us into service for the sake of the world, and nourishes us on his own body and blood. Come share in the feast of generosity that knows no bounds. This holy meal is for you. Come and eat.

*Please be seated as we share the gift of communion, remember that ALL are welcome to the table.
The Pastor will share with you the options for receiving communion today.*

COMMUNION VIDEO

COMMUNION SONG

"You Love Me Anyway"

CCLI# 5506680

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Awesome God"

CCLI# 41099

SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us next week:

Wednesday – March 8 – 12:30pm & 6:30pm In Person Worship

Soup lunch at 11:30am before the 12:30pm service

Sunday, March 12

8am - In Person Worship

9:15am – Sunday School

10am – In Person & Livestream Worship

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We Will Wait

Verse

We will wait with ever watchful eyes
We will wait with ever serving lives
We will wait with ever open hearts
We will greet You

Verse

We will greet You with ever thankful tears
We will greet You with ever lessening fears
We will greet You with ever hopeful joy
We will welcome You

Chorus

We will welcome You
We will sing
We will welcome You
We will sing

Verse

We will welcome You as prophesied
We will welcome You into our lives
We will welcome lessons that You teach
We will sing for You

Verse

We will sing while we wait here on earth
We will sing to greet You at Your birth
We will sing to welcome You the gift
We will follow You

Chorus (3 times)

We will welcome You
We will sing
We will welcome You
We will sing

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse

'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 rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse

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

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Chris Tomlin | John Newton | Louie Giglio

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You Love Me Anyway

Verse

The question was raised
As my conscience fell
A silly little lie
It didn't mean much
But it lingers still
In the corners of my mind

Verse

Still You call me to walk
On the edge of this world
To spread my dreams and fly
But the future's so far
My heart is so frail
I think I'd rather stay inside

Chorus

But You love me anyway
It's like nothing in life that I've ever known
Yes You love me anyway
Oh Lord how You love me
(How You love me)

Verse

It took more than my strength
To simply be still
To seek but never find
All the reasons we change
The reasons I doubt
And why do loved ones have to die

Chorus

But You love me anyway
It's like nothing in life that I've ever known
Yes You love me anyway
Oh Lord how You love me
(How You love me)

Bridge

I am the thorn in Your crown
But You love me anyway
I am the sweat from Your brow
But You love me anyway
I am the nail in Your wrist
But You love me anyway
I am Judas's kiss
But You love me anyway

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Awesome God

Verse 1

When He rolls up His sleeves
He ain't just puttin' on the ritz
Our God is an awesome God
There is thunder in His footsteps
And lightning in His fists
Our God is an awesome God
And the Lord wasn't joking
When He kicked 'em out of Eden
It wasn't for no reason
That He shed His blood
His return is very close
And so you'd better be believin'
That our God is an awesome God

Chorus(twice)

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God

Verse 2

When the sky was starless
In the void of the night
Our God is an awesome God
He spoke into the darkness
And created the light
Our God is an awesome God
Judgment and wrath
He poured out on Sodom
Mercy and grace
He gave us at the cross
I hope that we have not
Too quickly forgotten
That our God is an awesome God

Chorus(5 times)

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God

Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God

CCLI Song # 41099

Rich Mullins

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the promise of Jesus Christ's unending love, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, Jesus taught us of the love you so generously give us, though we cannot earn it. Receive our humble gratitude for your abundant blessings. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Teach us to lavish extravagant care on all that you have made. Make this planet whole for the benefit of all who call it home. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

As we walk together on this journey of Lent, give us the humility to see where we have desired more than our due. Free us from greed, that we might respond with generosity to all people. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Heal all who are in need of your care and attention; all those who hurt in body, mind, or spirit, *especially Brad, Joyce, Barb, Myrna, Jim, Mardell, Shirley, Pastor Kara, Sandy, Doris, and Mark.* Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

As we reflect on the ways we desire to change, help us also to see the ways we show up just the way we should. Help us to live contentedly with ourselves and with all people. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all the saints who have labored in your vineyard for the sake of the gospel. Give us that same commitment until we all taste the fruits of your sacred vine together. Merciful God, **You hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**