



First Sunday of Lent

UNFINISHED

DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL
IN THE NOT YET

CALLED TO VALUES

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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February 26, 2023 9:15am in person / online / on the radio

Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness and was tested in every way that we are tested, yet remained without sin.

C: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God is with us in our own temptations, tests, and trials.

L: God is our strength every morning

C: And our salvation in times of distress.

L: God is our hiding place in times of trouble

C: And surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance.

GATHERING HYMN: “This is Amazing Grace”

Vs 1 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.

Vs. 2 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.

*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.*

Vs. 3 Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory.

Vs. 4 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.

*Bridge Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, Worthy is the King who conquered the grave (repeat 2x)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy, worthy, worthy*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L: Gracious God,

C: in this unfinished life, we confess that our values do not always align with yours. We do not know how to value what you value, and amid the temptations, tests, and trials of our lives, we choose wrongly. Forgive us, and lead us through the wilderness so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, our lives will reflect you and your love for this world. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

L: God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, you are raised to new life. Almighty God strengthen you in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lead us by your Spirit, O God, to value what you value, and to live our lives reflecting those values. Shepherd our commitments, that they may reflect your purposes in and through our lives. Show us when our values are misguided, and move us to correct our ways. In the name of + Jesus, **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 *Eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*

PSALM: Psalm 32 [read responsively]

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19 *Death came through one life comes through one*

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11 *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days*

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastoral Intern Elizabeth

HYMN OF THE DAY: "**Abide with Me**"

#629 (vs. 1,3,4)

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

family of Chris Holland

Ashley Rayhons

Liam Bartleson

Sonja Johnson

Tim Schmidt

Hazel Barloon

family of Doug Keil

Marge Solberg

Hayden Despenas

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Jennie Spencer

family of Carla Duffy

Lisa Overlie

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

Clara Eisenmann

family of Melody Piehl

Missionary Karen Anderson

Bill Hamm

Carolyn Price

joys to Krista & Brody-birth of Calvin Hopp

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "I Will Follow"

Dave Melby

OFFERTORY: "**Christ, the Life of All the Living**"

#339 (vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: "**This is My Father's World**"

#824

BLESSING

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Sound/Video Techs: Karl Wooldridge/Ken Ferjak

Piano: Amy Thorson

Song Leaders: Elizabeth May, Zech Anderson

Band: Geno Lopes-guitar, Antonio Lopes-drums, Dave Melby-guitar

February Coffee: Do Day Group

Today's worship is broadcast at 11:00am over KIOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in memory of husband Claire and brother-in-law Gary from LaVonne Thompson and family.

Altar flowers today are given in honor of Anita Oleson's 90th birthday from her family.