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**GLIMPSSES OF
GOD'S HEART**

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GRACE

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Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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OPENING HYMN

“Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound”

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A - maz - ing grace-how sweet the sound - That saved a
The Lord has prom-ised good to me; His Word my
Through man - y dan - gers, -toils, and snares I have al-
When we've been there ten thou-sand years, Bright shin - ing



wretch like me! I once was lost but now am
hope se - cures. He will my shield and por - tion
- read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus
as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's



found, Was blind but now I see.
be As long as life en - dures.
far, And grace will lead me home.
praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

GREETING—Portions of Psalm 145

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and compassionate,

Congregation: slow to anger and rich in love.

P: The LORD is good to all;

C: he has compassion on all he has made.

P: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

C: so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious
splendor of your kingdom.

P: The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

C: The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

P: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

C: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

P: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

C: to all who call on him in truth.

P: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

C: he hears their cry and saves them.

P: The LORD watches over all who love him,

C: but all the wicked he will destroy.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thought, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

C: Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions —it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

SERMON HYMN

“God Loved the World So that He Gave”

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God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
Christ is the so - lid rock of faith, Who was made
God would not have the sin - ner die His Son with
Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For-gives the



Son the lost to save That all who would in him be-
flesh and suf-fered death. All who con - fide in him a-
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the Word does
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by Je - sus'



- lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
- lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
blood; Bap - tized you are a child of God.

SERMON TEXT

Numbers 21:4-8

⁴ They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

⁶ Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸ The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

God Uses What Kills to Bring Life



CONFESSION OF FAITH – *The Second Article*

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER

THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

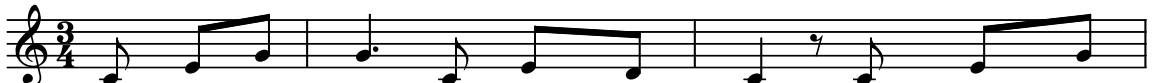
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Lamb of God"


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Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
I was so lost I should have died, But You have




sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as he died; The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of
rod, And to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of



God; I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. O wash me
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in His pre - cious blood. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.
in His pre - cious blood. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.
in His pre - cious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.

CALENDAR

Today	8a & 10:30a	Worship
	9:15a	Bible Study & Sunday School
Monday – Friday		Spring Break – No School
Wednesday	7:00p	Lenten Worship
Sunday	8 & 10:30a	Worship with Communion
	9:15a	Bible Study & Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting: Our Annual COR Town & Voters Meeting will be held Sunday, March 28th, at 11:30a. Please come and share this opportunity to hear about and discuss Christ Our Redeemer's Ministry.

Easter Outreach Event: The Outreach and Adult Discipleship Boards are planning a community outreach event for Easter. On Saturday, April 3rd, from 1-3p we will be handing out 100 Easter Meals and flyers to view our services and promote our church and school. We are requesting your participation and assistance in gathering some of the food supplies for this. There is a donation tracking board in the entryway for the items needed. If you'd like to help further with this, contact Seth Borchardt or Alex Mielke. Thanks!

Sundays in Lent: In this season of Lent we focus on our Savior's path to the cross for us and for our salvation. The Wednesday services during Lent focus on the Passion, or suffering, of Jesus. The Sunday worship services in Lent are designed to be little glimpses of the victory that Jesus won on Easter. Our Sunday worship during Lent focuses on "Glimpses of God's Heart" from some of the most familiar and important verses of the Old Testament. Join us during Lent to catch a glimpse of God's heart as he shows his providing care, his accessibility, jealousy (in a good way!), grace, forgiveness and humility. Services are at 8a and 10:30a.

Midweek Lent Services: As Jesus made his way to the cross on our behalf he was always fully present in his suffering by his Word and action. He truly came to be "with us" as he suffered and died. At the same time, he was also "without us," carrying out the will of his Heavenly Father alone as his disciples slept, betrayed, fled and denied him, and as the world rejected, despised and mocked him so that he could suffer and die for us. Join us for the midweek Lent services at 7p.

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