

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship
4th Sunday in Lent

Setting III
March 11, 2018

“GOD’S AMAZING GRACE”

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[W] *Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.*

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[M] You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

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[C] **Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.**

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[P] Lift up your heart and receive the Holy Gospel...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – John 3:14-21

Read by Pastor Bob McKee

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

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[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

MESSAGE

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SERMON SONG:

“CALL IT GRACE”

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[C] **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.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand)*

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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.**

“LAMB OF GOD”

(music found pg. 146)

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

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SENDING SONG:

“MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE”

***ELW #759
(Red Hymnal)***

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] (with the joy of Christ) **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE

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“MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE”

***ELW #759
(Red Hymnal)***

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] (with the joy of Christ) **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE

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