



THE REST OF THE STORY: *Loving God & Serving Others*



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and INVITATION

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

All Heaven Declares

Noel and Tricia Richards

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All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord.
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone.

Awesome God!

Rich Mullins

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Chorus

Our God____ is an awesome God;
He reigns____ from heaven above
With wis____dom, pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God!

(Repeat first time)

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 jokin'
when He kicked 'em out of Eden,
It wasn't for no reason
that He shed His blood.

His return is very close
so you better be believin'
That our God is an awesome God! **Chorus**

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**

The Lord understands and He cares for me
Our God is an awesome God!

He died on the cross to set us free.
Our God is an awesome God!

He rescues us when we call on Him,
He'll stay with you through thick and thin
He's our rescuer so I'll say it again;
Our God is an awesome God! **Chorus**

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

We gather in gratitude to God that we have been sought and saved.

Lord, let our faith grow abundantly,

and let our love for one another increase.

Jesus is present with us in this place today.

Let us receive Him joyfully.

REPENTENCE and RENEWAL

We begin our time of confession with a moment of silence for personal prayers.

A moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

Enter into my heart, O Lord,

and cleanse me of my sin.

By what I have thought,

by what I have said,

by what I have done,

I deserve to be cast from Your presence.

Yet in Your mercy, Your Spirit remains with me, O Lord.

Redeem me! O Lord.

Restore me! O Lord.

Renew me! O Lord.

Though my sins are as scarlet,

You have made them white as snow.

You, O Lord, have sought me.

Salvation has come, and it is mine to receive.

*We gather in our heavenly Father's house that we may receive the cleansing grace of Jesus and the renewal of His Holy Spirit. In the Lord Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and coming again—there is life and salvation for all who believe! In His stead and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

We pray. . .

Almighty God, Your Word and will are accomplished despite the enemies of Your purpose and through the unlikely means of those indifferent to You. Encourage us when we are quick to judge and slow to believe, that we may never forget the triumph of Your saving purpose in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Following the prayer, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, then return to their seats.
(Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Please refer to the back of your service folder or to the screens overhead.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

"Cyrus, God's Instrument"

Jim Ramsey

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 96:1-9; antiphon: v. 9a

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth!

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

"The Thessalonians' Faith and Example"

Joanne Runnels

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

"Paying Taxes to Caesar"

Pastor Marty

WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Apostles' Creed

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jane Goss

(Kindergarten – 6th grade students are excused to attend Children's Church in the ANNEX)

SONG OF THE DAY

Come And Behold Him

John Chisum and George Searcy

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Come and behold Him, come see His glory,
Come with an honest heart to see all He is;

We will discover all of His beauty,
His light will burn away all the darkness we've known.

Chorus

Come and behold Him, come and behold Him,
Come with an honest heart to see all He is;
Come and behold Him, wait now before Him
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.

Come and behold Him, come see His mercy,
Come find His tenderness reaching to you;
Just as a mirror shows a reflection,
His Word and Spirit come, now revealing His love. **Chorus**

MESSAGE

"For the Sake of His Chosen"
Isaiah 45:4-7

Pastor Marty Tyler

Sermon Notes

Main Point:

Focus Scripture

God's Perspective

Our Perspective

How do the two perspectives help us share God's Good News?

Application:

What Does This Mean for Me?

THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.

Our ability to continue to serve you, the Church, and our community is greatly dependent upon the willingness of God's people to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD'S Church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings; by mail, online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com/Giving, or download the *GivePlus* Mobile App. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the box marked "I Bring An Offering To The Lord" sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

I Offer My Life

Claire Cloninger and Don Moen

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All that I am, all that I have,
I lay them down before You, O Lord;
All my regrets, all my acclaim, the joy and the pain
I'm making them Yours.

Chorus

Lord, I offer my life to You, ev'rything I've been through,
use it for your glory;
Lord, I offer my days to You, lifting my praise to You
as a pleasing sacrifice, Lord, I offer You my life.

Things in the past, things yet unseen,
Wishes and dreams that are yet to come true.
All of my hopes, all of my plans,
My heart and my hands are lifted to You. **Chorus**

What can we give that You have not given;
And what do we have that is not already Yours?
All we possess are these lives we're living,
And that's what we give to You, Lord. **Chorus**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

Please be seated.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

- Read and meditate on Isaiah Chapters 45 and 46.
- Visit the afflicted, grieving, or disheartened and offer them a word of hope from God's Word.
- Render to God the things that are God's.
 - Donate to the confirmation class book fund.
 - Sign up to help with the Harvest Festival.

Please stand.

BLESSING TO DEPART

In His love, forgiven by the Lord for the sake of Jesus Christ, go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, and love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And as you do:

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and **T** give you peace.
Amen.*

DEPARTING SONG

King Of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood

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In the darkness we were waiting,
Without hope, without light,
Till from heaven You came running.
There was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfil the law and prophets,
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus

Praise the Father,
Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit three in one.
God of Glory, majesty,
Praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering,
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake You died. ***Chorus***

And the morning that You rose,
All of heaven held its breath,
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs,
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,
Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.

By His blood and in His Name,
In His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me. **Chorus**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.*

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