

CLOSING SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

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.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?

Who 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 lay down Your life, that I would be set free.

Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

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.

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Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

Worthy, worthy, worthy... *Chorus*



Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.

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The Gathering

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WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ The charge against Jesus was always the same—He keeps the wrong company. But Jesus has come for sinners, and if you are not a sinner, He does not have anything for you. To emphasize why He has come, our Lord tells the stories of ninety-nine sheep left behind to find one who is lost and a woman who rejoices over finding one lost coin. You are that lost sheep and lost coin for whom Christ has come and in whom heaven rejoices. Jesus has come for you and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross and been laid in the tomb. This is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *Good and Gracious King*
I approach the throne of glory, nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden as You give to me Your strength.
Come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise:

Chorus: **You deserve the greater glory, and overcome, I lift my voice**
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice.
You deserve the greater glory, and overcome with joy I sing.
By Your love, I am accepted, 'cause You're a good and gracious King.

And O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend.
Safe, secure in You forever I pour out my praise again. *Chorus*

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, good and gracious, good and gracious,
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, good and gracious King.
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, good and gracious, good and gracious,
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, good and gracious King. *Chorus*

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OPENING SONG

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:8-9)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**
We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

People: Amen.

PSALM 119:169-176

Pastor: Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word!

People: Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

Pastor: My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

People: My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

Pastor: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

People: I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.

Pastor: Let my soul live and praise you, and let your just decrees help me.

People: I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *Good Shepherd (Lead On)*

Lord you are our shepherd, we will lack for no good things.

For you take us to the pastures that are green, You lead besides still waters.

Bring refreshing to our souls.

As you guide us in the paths that make us free, lead on, lead on.

Though we walk through death's dark valley, we will fear no evil things.

You bring comfort in the presence of our foes. You anoint our heads with oil,

Goodness and mercy hunt us down as we dwell in your house forevermore.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You,

rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-24 (ESV)

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (ESV)

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ

Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10 (ESV)

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat
You’re the Light unto my path.

SONG OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
 I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth
 And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me
 And on His shoulder gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.**

MESSAGE

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STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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 everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 give you peace.

People: Amen.