



King of Kings

9th Sunday of Pentecost
August 7, 2022

AS WE GATHER

TODAY'S THEME

From rebellious youth to slave trader to Anglican priest, John Newton knew from personal experience how gracious God had been to him. In this seventh week of the sermon series "Singular: Cherished Hymns that Teach" we look at Newton's cherished hymn *Amazing Grace*. Abraham came from a land and people that worshiped other gods. Yet God chose to call him and make him the father of all true believers. We call this change from unbelief to true believer "conversion". It's the gracious act of God that is the fulfillment of an ancient promise. You are here because God was faithful to that promise.

WELCOME

Good morning! We are glad you are with us today. If you need assistance this morning, please feel free to speak to an usher. They are near the glass doors at the back of the room. Our Nursery and Cry Room are on the right side of the Sanctuary. Feel free to use them! We ask that you to please clean up after your child(ren).

HOLY COMMUNION

We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion today. We invite those desiring to be guests at the Lord's Table who:

1. Believe Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior.
2. Believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of Christ.
3. Confess their sin, seek the assurance of forgiveness, and intend, with God's help, to amend their sinful life.

More information about what we believe is available on our website: www.KingofKingsTX.org/what-we-believe

The ushers will direct people forward to the altar rail. The Body of Christ is offering first. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Red wine is offered next in the small cups in the tray. Alcohol-free white grape juice is available in the cups in the center of the tray. The pastor will give a blessing to children and to those who do not desire to receive Communion or are new to the Lutheran tradition. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the rail to receive the blessing.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE VIDEO

WELCOME

EXHORTATION & CONFESSION OF SINS

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.

People: We confess, heavenly Father, that 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. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, strengthen our faith, and focus our hearts on Your kingdom, the inheritance He won for us in His death and resurrection.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." 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.

People: Amen.

SONG: Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.
Your love is a myst'ry, how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

CHORUS

<p>Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Your love makes me sing Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Your love makes me sing</p>
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Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising
All the joy is growing, deep inside of me.
Every time I see You, all Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song, rising up in me.

CHORUS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:12–22

Pastor: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

People: The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;

Pastor: from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth

People: he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

Pastor: The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

People: The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

Pastor: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

People: that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield

People: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Pastor: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

People: 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service.

People: Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life.

Pastor: We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus

make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:22–34

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**All: 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 there 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.

SONG: Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

CHORUS

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

CHORUS

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

CHORUS

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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THE MESSAGE: Amazing Grace

Genesis 15:1-6

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(After each prayer)

Pastor: ...Lord, in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

(Last prayer)

Pastor: All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

PREFACE

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

SONG: The Altar

There's a place, a place I've found
Not made of earth, not made of stone
This place is sacred, this place is secret
Here in the presence of a Holy God
Here in the presence of a Holy God

Come to this place, come seek His face
Find the hands of forgiveness
Look into the eyes of grace
Run to redemption with tears of joy and pain
Let fire fall and purify our hearts
Come to the altar, come to His arms

There's a place, a place of healing
There is no shame within your scars
This place is sacred, this place is secret
Here in the presence of a Holy God
Here in the presence of a Holy God

Come to this place, come seek His face
Find the hands of forgiveness
Look into the eyes of grace
Run to redemption with tears of joy and pain
Let fire fall and purify our hearts
Come to the altar, come to His arms

Be still and know that He is God
Be still and know that He is God

Come to this place, come seek His face
Find the hands of forgiveness
Look into the eyes of grace
Run to redemption with tears of joy and pain
Let fire fall and purify our hearts
Come to the altar, come to His arm

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SONG: As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You

CHORUS

**You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You**

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything

CHORUS

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye

CHORUS

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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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.

SONG: On My Lips

All the chains are broken, I have been set free
Every word You've spoken is watching over me
So how can I stay silent when I hear You call my name
Living in Your presence, I'll never be the same
I've been found in You - And now I'll sing out Your truth

CHORUS

**On my lips there's a shout of praise
Now I'm gonna dance for all my days
Because I've seen the wonder of Your loving ways
So much joy here in Your embrace
Makes me wanna sing and celebrate
Because I've seen the wonder of amazing grace**

REPEAT ALL

I've been found in You and now I'll sing out Your truth.
I've been found in You and now I'll sing out Your truth.

CHORUS

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SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP

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