# Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Lenten Evening Service Lord of Life Lutheran Church

#### Welcome

**Hymn:** Amazing Grace

- 1. 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
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed
- 3. When we've been here ten thousand years Bright, shining as the sun We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun
- 4. 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.

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of God is with you. **And also with you** 

#### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. **Even though I walk** through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You are with me: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

**Hymn:** Breathe on Me, Breath of God

- 1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that as you love, so I may love, and do what you would do.
- 2. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours to do and to endure.

- 3. Breathe on me, breath of God, fulfill my heart's desire, until this earthly part of me glows with your heavenly fire.
- 4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

# Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. <sup>11</sup>But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." <sup>13</sup>Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

Message Follow Christ

Pastor Linda Roddis

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your be, 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

**Hymn:** How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God When I, in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin Refrain

### Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow, in humble adoration And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art *Refrain* 

### **Sending**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.