



July 13, 2025

*And we know that for those who love God
all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:28

Welcome Guests

We are delighted that you are here to worship the Lord with us this morning!

Nursery is provided for little ones 0-3.

Children's Bible Time is provided for children ages 3-6 in classroom 7 during the sermon.

+ Please stand, if able

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME LET US WORSHIP OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 11:33-36 ESV

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

+HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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+PRAYER OF PRAISE

+HYMN

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS)

Songbook

RESPONSIVE READING

Romans 8:28-29, 35-39 ESV

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,

in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+HYMN

ALL MY WAYS ARE KNOWN TO YOU

Songbook

RESPONSIVE READING

adapted from Acts 7:8-15 ESV

Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, *whose name was changed to Israel,*

and Israel became the father of twelve sons who would become the twelve tribes of Israel.

And the *brothers*, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt,

who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household.

Now there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food. But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers on their first visit. And on the second visit, Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. And Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his kindred...

And Jacob went down into Egypt

+HYMN

LOVE COME DOWN

Songbook

OFFERTORY

VBS SONG SELECTIONS

VBS Kids Choir

+HYMN

DOXOLOGY

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Children ages 3-6 may be dismissed to attend Children's Bible Time in classroom 7

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

SERMON TEXT

Genesis 45:25-46:4, 50:15-21 ESV

²⁵ So they went up out of Egypt and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob. ²⁶ And they told him, "Joseph is still alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." And his heart became numb, for he did not believe them. ²⁷ But when they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. ²⁸ And Israel said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

46 So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ² And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." ³ Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴ I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ Say to Joseph, 'Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it

for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

SERMON

Sam Hettinger

God's Grace is For Real and Forever

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, You have promised to forgive, but like Joseph's brothers, we still fear punishment for sins You have fully pardoned.

We confess our unbelief— that we doubt Your mercy, cling to guilt, and question Your heart.

You mean all things for our good, but we live as though Your grace could run dry. We confess these doubts and all our sins to you in the silence of our hearts.

Lord, forgive us for not believing we are forgiven. Help us rest in Christ, who bore our sin and welcomes us still. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Romans 8:32-34 ESV

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

RESPONDING TO THE FATHER'S LOVE

+HYMN

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE