



# AMAZING GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2025



## Pastor's Column

Submitted by  
Lead Pastor  
Tim Maybee

Dear Amazing Grace,

Last month I had an experience that reminded me that the distinction between sacred and secular is a human-constructed distinction. Or, to put it another way, God to Holy Spirit goes wherever God wants!

Two musical groups that I've enjoyed since high school came to the Twin Cities in April. Both bands are known for critiques of the way that religion is often practiced. Their criticism is mostly fair but can at times verge on the edge of hostility. Many people have been hurt by our human-constructed religious institutions, so I don't think their critiques are terribly off-base. This is all simply to say that both groups' music is decidedly secular.

While the opening band was in the middle of their set, I took a moment to take in the scene, looking around at the crowd enjoying the music together. Suddenly, I was overwhelmed with a deep sense of

connection with my fellow concert goers. For a moment, it was as though we were one. As the band told the truth of a world that can be so harsh, we stood together. This kind of union with one's fellow human beings or fellow members of creation is the kind of experience that mystics describe in moments of spiritual ecstasy with God and their neighbors.

Now, I tell this story not because I believe such an experience is notable in its uniqueness. Rather, my intention here is to draw attention to the truth that God's Spirit is not the property of "the church" or any individual denomination or congregation. God's Spirit is wild and shows up even in the least likely times and places to call us back to the truth of our fundamental connection with God, creation, and our fellow human beings. The sacred and the secular tend to dissolve into one when God is present. Or, maybe it's more accurate to say that the secular is made sacred by God's abiding presence.

This experience has made me wonder, what else do I write off as exclusively secular? Where do I least expect God to show up? Do I assume that God is absent from times and places that do not fit the mold of my previous religious experience? Where

## Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m.

Livestream or watch  
past worship  
services:

[AGLC's YouTube  
Channel](#)

## May Events

Saturday May 3  
9 am to Noon

**AGLC Spring Clean  
Up**

Sunday May 4  
10:45am

**New Member Class**

Sunday May 18  
**New Member's  
Sunday!**

May 14 to 16  
**AGLC Parking Lot  
Resurfaced—No  
Parking**

## Newsletter Articles

Submit your newsletter  
articles to Sarah Bjorklund  
at [sbjorklund@aglcigh.org](mailto:sbjorklund@aglcigh.org)  
by 20th of each month.

do I experience the opposite of holy connection—defiling alienation?

This month we move through the season of Easter. Together, we wonder at the mystery of the empty tomb and the ascended Lord. We consider the presence of the Spirit that enables the continuation of Christ's mission through us, the church. We'll hear stories from the book of Acts all about the disciples running into God in unexpected people

and places. As we prepare for summer travels and breaks from the ordinary, where do we anticipate God's connecting presence to show up? Might we encounter God in our ordinary lives this season?

Keep alert and we will see!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Tim

## Stay Connected with the Saint Paul Area Synod

Want to become more informed about how we are being church together with our siblings throughout the Saint Paul Area Synod?

[Click here to sign up for the News and Events weekly email blast.](#)

Or, go to [spas-elca.org](http://spas-elca.org) and, on the bottom right of the homepage, there is a button that says, "Subscribe to Synod News." Click there and follow the instructions.

## Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

We will be hosting a spring clean-up day on Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. We will have both indoor cleaning and organizing projects as well as outdoor (weather permitting) garden work planned for the day.

Please bring work gloves and any other supplies or tools you think could be helpful. Light refreshments will be provided. Your help is needed and appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Cyndi Berg at [cyndi.a.berg@gmail.com](mailto:cyndi.a.berg@gmail.com).



## Parking Lot Maintenance

Subject to weather conditions, starting May 14th our parking lot will be closed for a few days while the cracks are filled, it is seal coated and it is repainted. All work is scheduled to be completed by, Sunday, May 18th.

If you have any questions contact Pete Malamen, Todd Erickson or the Church office.

## AGLC President Update: May 2025

*"He replied, 'You of little faith, why are you so afraid?' Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm." — **Matthew 8:26***



What is your favorite season? Here in Minnesota, we experience all four—each one bringing change, beauty, and challenges. Winter can feel long, dark, and bitterly cold, but eventually, spring arrives even here in Minnesota. The storms of spring bring rain, washing away the remnants of winter and making way for new life.

Just like the changing seasons, our lives go through seasons as well. Some come and go quickly, while others shake us to our core. These past few years, I have faced some of the hardest storms of my life—having kids grow up and move out, losing family I loved dearly and, most recently, my sweet dog, Tater passed. The grief has been overwhelming at times, and I have found myself asking, “Why?” and “When will this get easier?”

The disciples asked similar questions in the storm. They were terrified, even though Jesus was with them. But when they called out to Him, He calmed the wind and the waves. Sometimes, like the disciples, we focus so much on the storm that we forget who is in the boat with us.

Jesus Himself endured the ultimate storm—betrayal, suffering, and death on the cross. Those who loved Him must have felt hopeless, lost, and full of questions, just as we do in our own losses. But the story didn’t end there. On Easter morning, the tomb was empty. The resurrection reminds us that no storm or season lasts forever. There is always renewal, always hope.

My grief still lingers, but I am learning that the depth of my pain is a reflection of the depth of my love. And in my lowest moments, I remember: No matter what storms I face, He is with me, and renewal is coming.

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed. Allelujah!

Blessings,  
Lynda Bartlette

## New Members Classes

Interested in joining AGLC as a member? Want to learn more about our faith community? You are invited to our new members' class following worship on May 4th.

We will welcome new members into the church at our worship service on Sunday, May 18 at 9:30am.

If you're interested in joining but have conflicts with the dates, please contact Pastor Tim.

Established members are also invited to the class to connect with our newer folks.

## Yogadevotion

Join Yogadevotion at Amazing Grace for the late spring session. This is a 7 week session that began April 28 and ends June 17. There is no class on Memorial Day, May 26. The cost is \$77.

Come unwind from your day and shed excess tension with this fluid all level practice. All are welcome and encouraged to join. Classes are Mondays 6-7pm. Register online at [bit.ly/AGL.April](http://bit.ly/AGL.April) or email [Lori@yogadevotion.com](mailto:Lori@yogadevotion.com).

You can check out all classes Yogadevotion has to offer at <http://www.yogadevotion.com/classes>

## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study meets Tuesday, May 20 at 9:30am in the upper room at Amazing Grace.

The topic of this month's study is Receiving the Spirit's flame, Spiritual gifts in the life of the church. Come join in the discussion. All are welcome.

## Mental Health Faith Forum

**Saturday, May 3  
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Trinity, Stillwater**

You are invited to this interfaith and multi-cultural gathering that celebrates addiction and mental health recovery and fights stigma.

This event features inspiring talks from experts, advocates and policymakers, as well as informative exhibits. The keynote will be given by digital content creator Kody Green, who raises awareness about mental health to his 1.2 million social media followers.

We'll also experience the launch of the new *Our Stigma* podcast, which explores addiction and mental health stigma across faith communities and cultures. Registration is \$15 per person. **Learn more and register.**

## Synod Assembly May 16-17

Please keep the Synod and all participants in your prayers as we hold our Synod Assembly this month.

The business of the assembly begins on Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m. and will include elections and deliberations on resolutions and memorials, as well as Churchwide representative Rev. Miguel Gomez-Acosta's presentation. The assembly reconvenes on Saturday, May 17, at 8:30 a.m. for more business, festive worship and Dr. Lois Malcolm's keynote address.

A mission fair featuring work groups, ministry partners and affiliated organizations is open on Friday from 5-7 p.m. and on Saturday through the lunch break. Under this year's assembly theme of "Called to Invite," we'll be exploring what it means for each of us to be a witness to life in Christ.

## Faithful Readers: So Many Books!

We gather at 2pm at Barnes & Noble Booksellers Cafe on Promenade in Eagan for our book discussion. We meet the fourth Sunday of the month. The books for the rest of 2025 are listed here.

*There is another book change in the published schedule. The book The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams is available sooner than expected. We will read this novel in April and the previously scheduled April novel will be read in July. The new April book is a book in the bag selection, see Barb Malamen for a copy of the book. Book discussion is scheduled for the fourth Sunday of the month at 2pm at Barnes & Noble Booksellers Cafe on Promenade in Eagan. All are welcome to join in the discussion. Let's all read together faithfully.*

### **May 18    The Maid    by Nita Prose    a book bag selection**

An excentric maid discovers a guest dead in his bed in her hotel. She becomes a suspect. This is a Clue like mystery. The story explores what is it like to be just like everyone else and also totally different. Caring for one another is what is important

### **June 22    Such a Fun Age    by Kiley Reid**

A young black woman, babysitter for a white family, is accused of kidnapping the toddler in her charge when shopping in a grocery store. A crowd gathers and the action is filmed. The novel watches the drama unfold.

### **July 27    The River We Remember    by William Kent Kruger**

It is Memorial Day 1958 in a small town in Minnesota. The body of a wealthy resident is found and suspicion falls on a native American who has recently returned to town with a Japanese wife. Secrets abound in the town. Can the murder be solved before the town explodes.

### **August 24    Tom Lake    by Ann Patchett**

In the spring of 2020 Lara's three daughters return home to the family orchard. As they pick cherries the daughters ask their mother for stories of her past. As she tells her stories her daughters examine their own lives and their relationship with their mother. They also reconsider everything they thought they knew.

### **September 28    A Council of Dolls    by Mora Susa Power**

The story of three Native American women from three different eras told in part through the stories of the dolls they carry.

### **October 26    The Last Russian Doll    by Kristen Loesch**

A story of secrets, revenge and redemption that follows three generations of Russian women from 1917 revolution to the last days of the Soviet Union.

### **November 26    The Marriage Portrait    by Maggie O'Farrel**

Historical fiction. Lucrezia de' Medici marries Alfonso II, duke of Ferra. She begins to think her life is in danger, is it? Historically, the answer is yes. The author brings Lucrezia to life.

### **December    Share a book with a friend!    No Discussion**

## May Worship Volunteers

**Help needed for Lent and Easter worship:** Volunteers are needed for Lenten services on Wednesdays and Easter Sunday. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table under the Community board in the Narthex or contact [Julie Linscheid njlinscheid@gmail.com](mailto:njlinscheid@gmail.com)

|                                | May 4               | May 11                        | May 18                                 | May 25                          |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Greeter</b>                 | Darlene Wold        | Connie and Terry Raddatz      | Jean Jantzen                           | Janet Aguirre                   |
| <b>Ushers</b>                  | Cyndi and Rick Berg | Craig Yotter and Jeannie Hall | Julie Linscheid and Bartholomew Wilson | Russ Barnhart and Todd Erickson |
| <b>Reader</b>                  | Helen Yotter        | Barb Malamen                  | Mary Garfield                          | Norm Beckman                    |
| <b>Sound</b>                   | Markus Linscheid    | Pete Malamen                  | Nate Linscheid                         | Miranda Barnhart                |
| <b>Altar Care/<br/>Acolyte</b> | Julie Linscheid     | Teri Santema                  | Linda Erickson                         | Jeannie Hall                    |
| <b>Counter</b>                 |                     |                               |  |                                 |

## June Worship Volunteers

*If you would like to volunteer to help with a worship service,  
please contact Julie Linscheid [njlinscheid@gmail.com](mailto:njlinscheid@gmail.com)*

|                                | June 1                             | June 8                              | June 15                  | June 22                        | June 29                          |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>                | Ras and Gloria Rasmussen           | Nancy Pollock                       | Mary Garfield            | Ingrid Emerson                 | Darlene Wold                     |
| <b>Ushers</b>                  | Helen Yotter and Bruce Klopfleisch | Bartholomew Wilson and Pete Malamen | Cyndi Berg and Rick Berg | Craig Yotter and Todd Erickson | Jeannie Hall and Julie Linscheid |
| <b>Readers</b>                 | Barb Malamen                       | Bartholomew Wilson                  | Julie Linscheid          | Scott Ferriss                  | Annie Morgan                     |
| <b>Sound</b>                   | Markus Linscheid                   | Russ Barnhart                       | Jeannie Hall             | Katie Klopfleisch              | Miranda Barnhart                 |
| <b>Altar Care/<br/>Acolyte</b> | Julie Linscheid                    | Lisa Barnhart                       | Teri Santema             | Linda Erickson                 | Nancy Pollock                    |
| <b>Counter</b>                 | Helen Yotter                       | Pete Malamen                        | Mary Garfield            | Tim Sanborn                    | Craig Yotter                     |

## July Worship Volunteers

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|                                | July 6                                    | July 13                                  | July 20                     | July 27                             |
|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>                | Connie and<br>Terry Raddatz               | Gail Marek                               | Jean Jantzen                | Janet Aguirre                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>                  | Bruce<br>Klopfleisch and<br>Russ Barnhart | Bartholomew<br>Wilson and Anna<br>Wilson | Cyndi Berg and<br>Rick Berg | Jeannie Hall and<br>Julie Linscheid |
| <b>Readers</b>                 | Helen Yotter                              | Barb Malamen                             | Mary Garfield               | Norm Beckman                        |
| <b>Sound</b>                   | Nate Linscheid                            | Pete Malamen                             | Markus Linscheid            | Russ Barnhart                       |
| <b>Altar Care/<br/>Acolyte</b> | Jeannie Hall                              | Julie Linscheid                          | Lisa Barnhart               | Teri Santema                        |
| <b>Counter</b>                 | Helen Yotter                              | Pete Malamen                             | Mary Garfield               | Tim Sanborn                         |



## August Worship Volunteers

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|                                | <b>Aug 3</b>                   | <b>Aug 10</b>                     | <b>Aug 17</b>            | <b>Aug 24</b>                    | <b>Aug 31</b>                  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>                | Ras and Gloria Rasmussen       | Nancy Pollock                     | Mary Garfield            | Ingrid Emerson                   | Darlene Wold                   |
| <b>Ushers</b>                  | Helen Yotter and Todd Erickson | Pete Malamen and Katie Klopfeisch | Cyndi Berg and Rick Berg | Julie Linscheid and Craig Yotter | Russ Barnhart and Jeannie Hall |
| <b>Readers</b>                 | Bruce Klopfeisch               | Heather Tautges                   | Bartholomew Wilson       | Scott Ferriss                    | Helen Yotter                   |
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# May AGLC Calendar

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                                     |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  |   |   |   | 1<br><br>10am Inver<br>Glen Worship                        | 2   | 3<br><br>9am AGLC<br>Spring<br>Clean Up |
| 4<br><br>9:30am Worship<br><br>10:40am Sunday<br>School/Field Trip<br><br>10:45 am New<br>Member Class | 5<br><br>6pm<br>Yogadevotion                                    | 6   | 7<br><br>6pm Youth<br>Group                                   | 8  | 9   | 10                                      |
| 11<br><br>Mother's Day<br><br>9:30am Worship   | 12<br><br>6pm<br>Yogadevotion                                   | 13<br><br>10am<br>Stewardship<br>and Evangelism | 14<br><br>AGLC<br>Parking Lot<br>Resurfaced<br>—No<br>Parking | 15<br><br>AGLC<br>Parking Lot<br>Resurfaced—<br>No Parking | 16<br><br>AGLC<br>Parking Lot<br>Resurfaced<br>—No<br>Parking | 17                                      |
| 18<br><br>New Member<br>Sunday!<br><br>9:30 am Worship<br><br>10:40 am Sunday<br>School/Last Day!      | 19<br><br>6pm<br>Yogadevotion<br><br>6:30pm Isaiah<br>Gathering | 20<br><br>9:30am<br>Women's Bible<br>Study      | 21  | 22   | 23  | 24                                      |
| 25<br><br>9:30 am Worship:   | 26<br><br>Memorial Day<br><br>6pm<br>Yogadevotion               | 27  | 28  | 29   | 30  | 31                                      |



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**Deadlines:**

***Newsletter article submissions are due  
by the 20th of the month to Sarah  
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***Friday Email Announcements are due  
Wednesdays by 6pm to Sarah  
[sbjorklund@aglcigh.org](mailto:sbjorklund@aglcigh.org)***

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Wednesdays by Noon to Kari  
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