



AMAZING GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor's Column

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"[Jesus] knew that his disciples would face a difficult and hostile world, where they would confront the recalcitrance of political officials and the intransigence of the protectors of the old order... [Jesus] gave [his disciples] a formula for action, 'Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.' ... We must combine the toughness of the serpent and the softness of the dove, a tough mind and a tender heart."

*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Strength to Love*

Dear Amazing Grace,

A tough mind and a tender heart. In his time, Dr. King was convinced that disciples of Jesus would need both in order to proclaim and embody the liberation that Jesus promises in the midst of an inequitable and violent world, dead set on maintaining the destructive status quo of racism and segregation. Christians who follow Jesus in his movement of love are still called to embody a tough mind and a tender heart as we come up against

the societal sins harming people today, especially the rampant greed, inequity, racism, prejudice, and violence that seems to be so in vogue.

Dr. King knew the cost of developing a tough mind and a tender heart. His commitment to non-violence was regularly tested.

Late in the evening on January 30, 1956, in the midst of the Montgomery bus boycott, Dr. King's house was bombed while his wife, seven-week-old daughter, and a neighbor were inside. He learned of the bombing while he was speaking at a large meeting about the boycott. Rushing home, he first checked on his family and neighbors. Finding them unharmed, Dr. King turned and saw a large crowd of his allies gathering around the house. Many were arriving with implements that could be used as weapons. In a display of what it means to have a tough mind and a tender heart, Dr. King addressed the crowd: "If you have weapons, take them home. If you do not have them, please do not seek them. We cannot solve this problem through violence. We must meet violence with nonviolence. Go home and don't worry. We are not hurt. And remember, if anything happens to me there will be others to take my place."

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Livestream or watch
past worship
services:

[AGLC's YouTube
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February Events

*Ash Wednesday
February 18
Ash Wed Worship
Noon and 7:00pm*

*Lenten Soup Suppers
Begin February 25
5:30pm*

*Lenten Worship
Begin February 25
7:00pm*

Newsletter Articles

*Submit your newsletter
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at sbjorklund@aglcigh.org
by the 20th of the month.*

Tough mind: holding onto the critical capacity to react to crisis with wisdom, rooted in the values espoused by Christ. Tender heart: extending love, empathy, and compassion even to one's enemies, knowing that hate cannot drive out hate—only love can do that.

This Lent, you are invited to consider your own discipleship and calling to have a tough mind and a tender heart in a world where softmindedness and hardheartedness are all too common. You will have an opportunity to read and discuss Dr. King's book, *Strength to Love*. This book is a timely examination of what it takes to love in the midst of a crisis. Additionally, on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent we will worship together with a focus on the theme we're calling, The Palm Sunday Path: Strength to Love. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday wasn't just a quirky way to enter the city. It was an embodiment of God's "No" to the abuse of power used to dominate and lord over others. Each week, we will learn more about the significance of Jesus' triumphal entry into

Jerusalem, culminating in Palm Sunday worship on March 29. We will hear the words of Dr. King during those services to help us develop the strength to love on our path. Finally, on the afternoon of Palm Sunday, those who feel moved are invited to join Christians from throughout Minnesota and the ISAIAH organization in a demonstration to proclaim God's call to compassion and to stand against harming the vulnerable.

Lent is a journey. It's a path from Ash Wednesday, through the heights and depths of holy week, all the way to the empty tomb. This is a journey that takes courage, wisdom, and strength. This Lent, let us walk the Palm Sunday Path and develop the strength to love.

Peace,
Pastor Tim



Ash Wednesday February 18

Ash Wednesday Worship

12:00 pm

and

7:00 pm

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From the Treasurer: Growing in Gratitude and Stewardship

As we begin a new year of ministry together, I'm grateful for the many ways this congregation embodies generosity. Stewardship is not just about meeting a budget—it's about responding to God's abundance with thankful hearts. Every gift we share becomes part of the work God is doing through this community: worship that sustains us, ministries that serve our neighbors, and a place where faith is nurtured across generations.

In reviewing our 2025 finances at the Annual Congregational Meeting, we saw that our expenses exceeded our income. While this is not unusual in seasons of transition or growth, it is an important reminder that our shared ministry depends on the consistent, intentional giving of the whole congregation. As we look toward 2026, we are inviting every household to reflect on how their giving can grow in gratitude and purpose.

Your offerings—whether weekly, monthly, or through special gifts—make a real difference. Together, we can strengthen our ministries, support our staff, care for our building, and continue living out our mission in meaningful ways.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and your partnership in this work. May 2026 be a year in which we deepen our stewardship and celebrate the blessings God has entrusted to us.

Annie Morgan, AGLC President

We Will Not Grow Weary

A joint pastoral video message from Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry and all ELCA Minnesota synod bishops share a pastoral message condemning recent immigration activity

Click the link below to watch the video message:

[We will not grow weary | Lutheran bishops condemn aggressive immigration activity | Jan. 27, 2026](#)

ELCIC Letter of Solidarity

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, has written a letter expressing solidarity with the people of Minnesota and for all who have been impacted by recent aggressive and violent immigration enforcement by federal agents.

He writes, "I have been deeply moved by all who model Christian discipleship by standing up for their neighbors and affirm the message offered by the six ELCA bishops in the state of Minnesota....

[Read the full letter here.](#)

Super Bagging Event for Neighbor's Inc!

Please consider joining us on Saturday, February 7, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Cub Foods, Inver Grove Heights. We will be bagging groceries with tips benefitting Neighbor's Inc. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

We only have 5 spots available, so sign up quickly so you don't miss out! See Lisa Barnhart if you have any questions.

ReFresh ReNew ReClaim: A Day for Women Connecting Saturday, Feb. 21 - 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Bethesda, Inver Grove Heights

The women's ministry of Bethesda invites women from across the synod to this event featuring Cathy Nordheim, an educator and spiritual director for women of all ages. She will bring music, humor and perspective to the joys and challenges of womanhood in these stressful times. The cost is \$35, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch, music and worship, small groups and fellowship. [Learn more.](#)

Lenten Dinners - Wednesday, February 25 - March 25

All are invited to join us for a meal and fellowship on Wednesday evenings during Lent. A light meal will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Most nights we will be serving two types of soup, simple sides and assorted desserts. You are encouraged to bring your own bowl or mug to reduce paper waste (bowls will also be provided).

We are looking for volunteers each week to bring a dessert item, add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Cyndi Berg at cyndi.a.berg@gmail.com or 952-250-7720.

Amazing Grace at Feed My Starving Children Wednesday, February 11

Amazing Grace has spots reserved for the 7:15pm shift at Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday, February 11.

Contact Pastor Tim if you'd like to participate!

Strength to Love Book Study

This Lent, join your neighbors in reading and discussing MLK's work, *Strength to Love*. There is a sign up and book order sheet in the Narthex.

Discussion dates will be decided once registrants are committed. Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

Faithful Readers

The February book is The Glassmaker by Tracy Chevalier. You can find the book at the Dakota County library.

The story begins in 1486 in Venice. Orsola Rosso is the eldest daughter in a family of glassblowers in Murano. As a woman she is not meant to work glass, but she has the hands and the vision for it. After the death of her father she secretly teaches herself to make glass beads. Her work supports her family. The story follows Orsola and her family through the ages. In every era the Rosso women ensure that their work and their bonds with each other endure.

Discussion of this book will be Feb. 22, at 2pm at the Barnes & Noble cafe on Promenade Street in Eagan. Let us all read faithfully.

February Worship Volunteers

*If you would like to volunteer to help with a worship service,
please contact Julie Linscheid njlinscheid@gmail.com*

	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Ash Wed Feb 18	Feb 22
Greeters	Anna Wilson	Gail Marek		Teri Santema	Pete and Barb Malamen
Ushers	Todd Erickson and Bartholomew Wilson	Katie Klopfleisch and Jason Teiken	Susanna Jackson and Nancy Pollock	Jean Jantzen and Julie Linscheid	Mark Bartlette and Russ Barnhart
Readers	Julie Linscheid	Barb Malamen	Annie Morgan		Heather Tautges
Sound	Sophie Ball	Pete Malamen	Jeannie Hall	Katie Klopfleisch	Markus Linscheid
Altar Care/ Acolyte	Linda Erickson	Julie Linscheid	Lynda Bartlette	Nancy Pollock	Julie Linscheid
Counter	Mary Garfield	Pete Malamen	Tim Sanborn	None	Mary Garfield

March Worship Volunteers

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	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	Palm Sunday March 29
Greeters	Darlene Wold	Jean Jantzen	Mary Garfield	Scott Ferriss	Susanna Jackson
Ushers	Norm Beckman and Cyndi Berg	Gail Marek and Todd Erickson	Julie Linscheid and Bruce Klopfleisch	Pete Malamen and Jean Jantzen	Cyndi and Rick Berg
Readers	Scott Ferriss	Pete Malamen	Jason Teiken	Bartholomew Wilson	Bruce Klopfleisch
Sound	Jason Teiken	Miranda Barnhart	Katie Klopfleisch	Sophie Ball	Markus Linscheid
Altar Care/ Acolyte	Anna Wilson	Lisa Barnhart	Teri Santema	Jeannie Hall	Julie Linscheid
Counter	Tim Sanborn	Pete Malamen	Mary Garfield	Tim Sanborn	Pete Malamen

February AGLC Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship 10:40am Sunday School: Burning Bush	2 6pm Yogadevotion	3	4 7:30pm Choir Practice	5 10am Inver Glen Worship	6	7
8 9:30am Worship	9 6pm Yogadevotion	10 10am Staff Meeting 10am Stewardship and Evangelism 6:30pm New Council Member Orientation	11 7pm AGLC at Feed My Starving Children 7:30pm Choir Practice	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 9am Conference Assemblies
15 9:30am Worship 10:40am Sunday School: Burning Bush	16 President's Day 6pm Yogadevotion 6:30pm Isaiah Gathering	17 9:30am Women's Bible Study	18 Ash Wednesday 12pm Ash Wed Worship 7pm Ash Wed Worship 7:30pm Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 9:30am Worship 10:40am Sunday School: Burning Bush 10:45am Coffee with the council 11:45am Book Study: How We Learn to Be Brave	23 6pm Yogadevotion	24 10am Staff Meeting	25 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Lent Worship 7:30pm Choir Practice	26	27	28



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*Friday Email Announcements are due
Wednesdays by Noon to Sarah Bjorklund
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