



Week 1: Isaiah of Babylon

March 1, 2023

And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." Isaiah 6:7

Opening Hymn ... "Christ, the Life of all the Living" LSB 420; vs. 1-2, 6

Call to Worship ... Psalm 32:1-5

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

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

P: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession and Absolution

P: As we come together to worship in the presence of God, we confess our sins and seek God's grace and mercy. Isaiah was given a vision of God enthroned in the temple and the prophet was frightened by what he saw. He knew that he was a sinner in the presence of the holy God of Israel. With the prophet, we acknowledge and confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, we know that we are sinners. We do not obey your holy law. We follow our sinful desires and listen to the temptations of the world around us. The prophet confessed that he was unclean. We too are unclean. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

P: An angel touched the prophet's lips with a coal from the altar of sacrifice and said, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." Isaiah's guilt was taken away. His sins were

forgiven. As God showed grace to the prophet, he has shown his grace to us through Jesus' atoning death. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

P: The prophet Isaiah was forgiven and sent out to proclaim the message of God's judgment and grace. We too are forgiven and sent out to serve and to witness in Jesus' name. With the prophet, we answer God's call:

C: Here I am! Send me!

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, your amazing grace was displayed in the life of the prophet Isaiah. His guilt was taken away and his sins forgiven. You have, in grace, forgiven us through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus our Lord. You have called us to live in love and service toward others. As we go about our daily lives, help us by your Spirit to share with others the love of Jesus and the promise of salvation through faith in his name. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Hymn ... "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" LSB 421; vs. 1, 4

Old Testament Reading ... *Isaiah 6:1-8*

Epistle Reading ... *Romans 10:14-17*

Gospel Reading ... *Matthew 9:35-38*

Sermon Hymn ... "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" LSB 531; vrs. 1-2

Sermon

Hymn of Response ... “Amazing grace!” *LSB 744*; vrs. 1, 3-4

Apostles’ Creed

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

Prayers

P: (after each petition)... Gracious Lord,

C: **Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

P: “Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

C: **Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”**

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn ... “Hark, the Voice of Jesus, Crying” *LSB 826*; vrs. 1, 4