

**October 10, 2021, 11:00 am**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**



## **Grace Alone**

The story of God's grace in Scripture was a life-transforming revelation for Martin Luther. In our own lives and in the lives of people everywhere, the Gospel proclamation of God's unmerited love and claim of us all as daughters and sons is an invitation to live freely as the people we were created to be. "Grace alone" becomes a foundation stone of Christian faith, testifying to God's goodness, and God's promise fulfilled in us.



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### PRELUDE

“Grace Like Rain”

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyrie #157

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and defend us, O God. **Amen.**

### WELCOME

### LITANY

God's Word incarnate has made his home with us,  
revealing to us the fulness of the Creator.

**Thanks and praise be to the Father for the gift of the Son.**

It is through this gift of grace that we are set free from the burden of sin,  
and receive the blessing of eternity with God.

**Not by our own will nor action, but by God's grace alone are we saved.**

Our Gospel invitation is simply to live in gratitude for that grace,  
to share it as freely as we have received it.

**Heavenly Father, give us glad and generous hearts to proclaim your grace  
and goodness in all that we say and do. Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

“This is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That you would take my place  
That you would bear my cross  
You would lay down your life  
That I would be set free

Jesus, I sing for  
All that you've done for me  
Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
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## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Creating God, in ultimate compassion and love, you give us the gift of your Son. Help us simply to receive this gift of grace and the gift of life that flows to us through him. **Amen.**

Jesus, I sing for  
All that you've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
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## JEREMIAH 31:2-6

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup> the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. <sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

And the Word was with God. **And the Word was God.**

## PSALM 106:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**<sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?**

<sup>3</sup> Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

**<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;  
help me when you deliver them;**

<sup>5</sup> that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice  
in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

**<sup>6</sup> Both we and our ancestors have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.**

<sup>7</sup> Our ancestors, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wonderful works;  
they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,  
but rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.

**<sup>8</sup> Yet he saved them for his name's sake,  
so that he might make known his mighty power.**

## EPHESIANS 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved —

<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

And the Word was with God. **And the Word was God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**“Come, Holy Spirit, Descend”**

**Come, Holy Spirit,  
descend on us, descend on us.  
We gather here in Jesus’ name.**

**Come, God of Grace,  
descend on us, descend on us.  
We gather here in Jesus’ name.**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **JOHN 1:9-18**

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

## **TIME OF REFLECTION**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

**“Grace Alone”**

**Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith  
Every difference we will make, is only by His grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
Every blessing left behind, is only by His grace.**

**Grace alone, which God supplies,  
Strength unknown, He will provide.  
Christ in us, our Cornerstone,  
We will go forth in grace alone**

**Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
Everywhere we share His peace, is only by His grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away.  
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace**

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### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

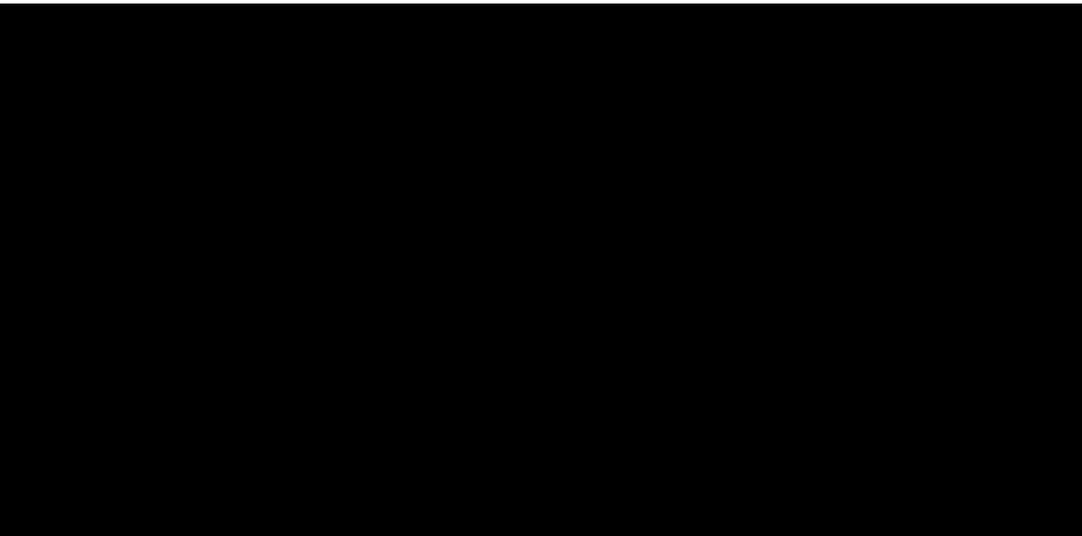
**“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

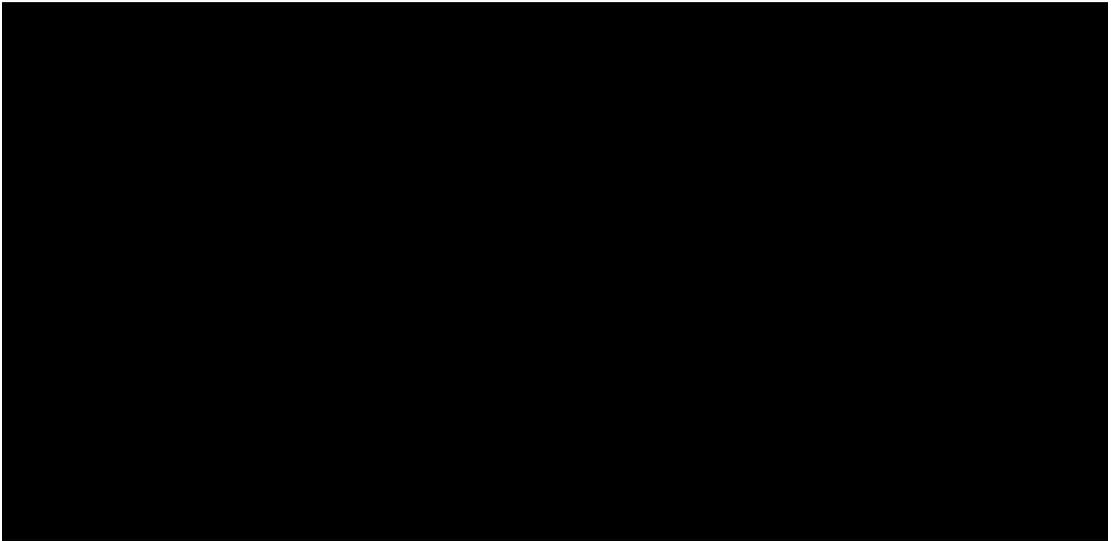
Gracious God, blessing flows from you like a river. You fill our hearts with your goodness and our lives with good things. Open our hearts and our hands to be channels of that river, that blessing might flow through us and out to all who are searching, to all who are needful, to all who long for wholeness and peace. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**W. P. Sterneman III**



**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**



**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



*All are welcome to celebrate communion at Abiding Love. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Take a cup of wine or grape juice from the tray. Children and adults not communing are welcome to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.*

## COMMUNION SONG

## “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am 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 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

## COMMUNION SONG

## “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

## **COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of life, send us now into your world. Send us now to the lost and afraid. Send us to heal and to restore, to bring relief and to labor for justice. For we have been fed by the grace of your table, and we have gifts to share. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

### **SENDING SONG**

**“Grace Flows Down”**

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
Amazing Love, now flowing down,  
From hands and feet, that were nailed to the tree  
As grace flows down it covers me  
It covers me  
It covers me  
It covers me  
It covers me**

### **PROCLAIMING OUR MISSION AND SHARING GOD’S PEACE**

We go forth together, **sharing God’s love!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**“Your Grace is Enough”**

## WORSHIP IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST



*Always Reforming!*

October 17 - *Faith Alone*  
October 24 - *Christ Alone*  
October 31 - *Semper Reformanda*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

