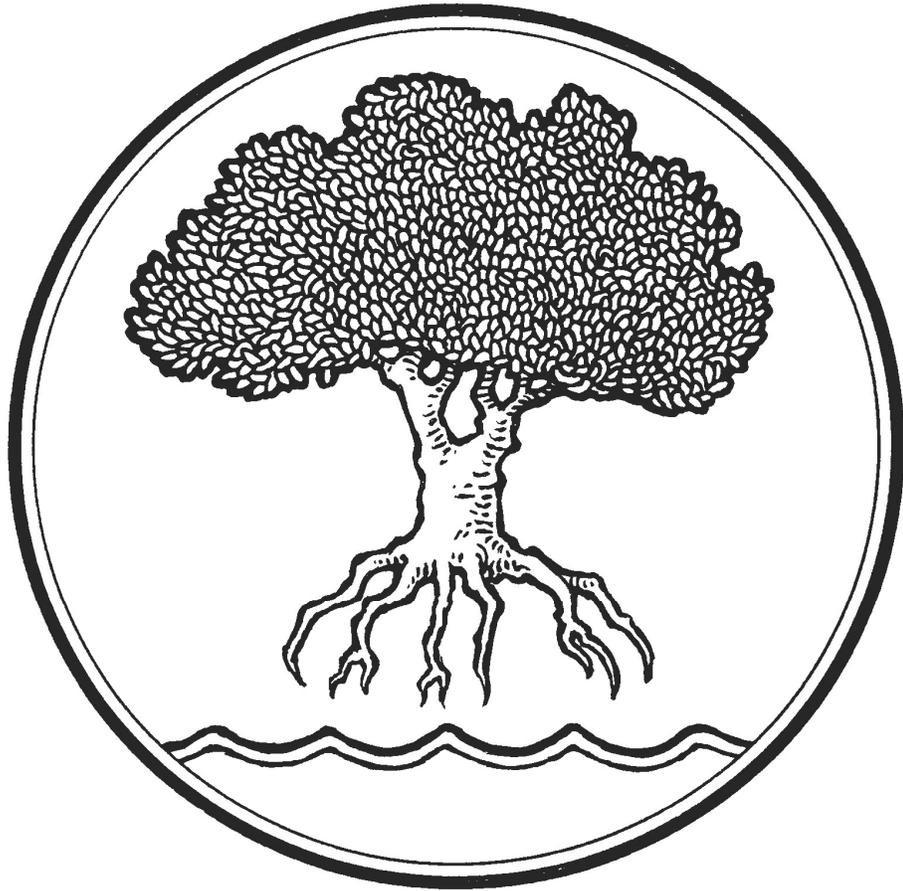


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Almighty
and everlasting
God,
since you
govern and
sanctify the
whole Christian
Church
by your Holy
Spirit, hear
our prayers
for all its
members,
and mercifully
grant that by
your grace we
may serve
you in true
faith;
through Jesus
Christ, our
Lord.
Amen



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Grace: what is it? We hear of grace frequently – "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound" – and "Sola Gratia" ("Grace Alone") is one of the Lutheran Reformation's central beliefs. But how did we get this word, "grace"? How does God speak of grace in Scripture, and how does He give us grace? This day, we begin a new sermon series at Zion: "Grace Upon Grace," exploring all these questions and more. In October, we will speak of "Saving Grace" (God's gift of grace) and in November we will preach on "Saying Grace" (how we live by grace).

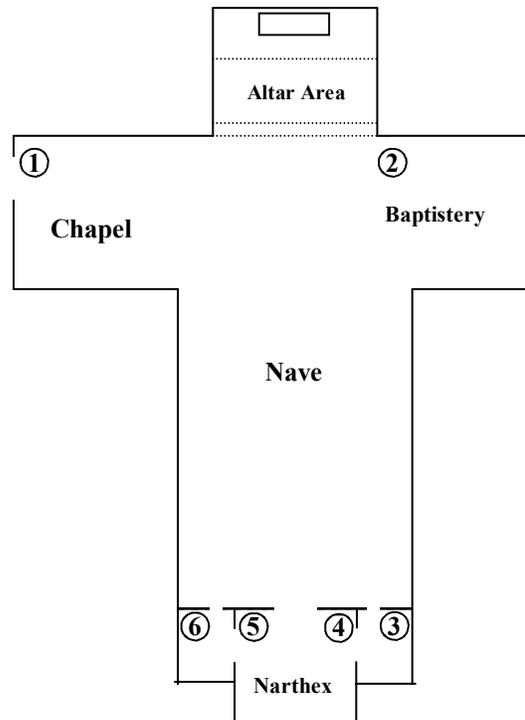
Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by the Zion Altar Guild for Pastor Appreciation Month in October, in honor of and thanksgiving for Zion's pastors.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Dan & Mary Daniels in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary on October 5.
- The bulletins are sponsored by Kathy LaPorte in celebration of another birthday!
- The sponsor charts for Bulletins for the remainder of 2022 are available for you to sign up. The chart is by the stairs by the northwest entry. Praise be to God that all remaining dates for Radio Broadcasts and Flowers in 2022 have been sponsored! Dates open for sponsorship in 2023 will be available later this year.

To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church.** Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





PRELUDE

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” ... John A. Behnke, Paul Manz
and Kenneth T. Kosche

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and, for his sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and

*Where sin
increased,
grace
abounded all
the more.
~ Romans
5:20*

"Grace" means the free mercy promised because of the Son.

The Hebrew word often means "favor," at times also "gift."

~ Philip Melancthon, Loci Praecipui Theologici, 1559 A.D.

(Note: Melancthon appears in the Reformation windows in Zion's East Gallery, second from the left)

ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

... LSB #904

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

GLORIA

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Musical notation for the Gloria text, consisting of six staves with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The melody is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end – it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 62

L: For God alone my soul waits in | silence;*
from him comes my sal- | vation.

C: **He only is my rock and my salvation,
my | fortress;*
I shall not be greatly | shaken.**

L: How long will all of you attack a man
to | batter him,*

*It is always
faith alone that
apprehends
grace and for-
giveness of sin.
~ Augsburg
Confession,
Article XX,
1530 A.D.*

Faith itself is considered by Lutherans to be a gift of God, created in the human heart as His action through the Holy Spirit. Faith has to do with trust, with conscious dependence on Christ, the assurance that, in fact, He will do it all. "For faith does not justify or save because it is a good work in itself," explains Melancthon, "but only because it accepts the promised mercy."

~ Gene Edward Veith, The Spirituality of the Cross, 1999 A.D.

like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?

**C: They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
They take pleasure in | falsehood.*
They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly | they curse.**

L: For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,*
for my hope is | from him.

**C: He only is my rock and my salvation,
my | fortress;*
I shall not be | shaken.**

L: On God rests my salvation and my | glory;*
my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

**C: Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart be- | fore him;*
God is a refuge | for us.**

L: Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a de- | lusion,*
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter | than a breath.

**C: Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on | robbery;*
if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.**

L: Once God has spoken;
twice have I | heard this:*
that power belongs to God,
and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast love.

**C: For you will render | to a man*
according | to his work.**

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

*Grace is not
"a power by
which human
capability is
strengthened
so that a per-
son can raise
himself up to
God."*

*Rather, grace
is "the fact
that God in
His mercy is
present as the
one who
fights for sin-
ners who
have nothing
to hold on to
but the right-
eousness of
Christ."*

*~ Leif Grane,
Commen-
tary on the
Augsburg
Confession,
1959 A.D.*

To obtain such faith, God instituted the office of the ministry, that is, provided the Gospel and the sacraments.

Through these, as through means, He gives the Holy Spirit, who works faith, when and where He pleases, in those who hear the Gospel. And the Gospel teaches that we have a gracious God, not by our own merits but by the merit of Christ, when we believe this.

~ Augsburg Confession, Article V, 1530 A.D.

VERSE



GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.



¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Know My Faith Is Founded"

... LSB #587

SERMON

"Grace: What Is It?"

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

Grace

She takes the
blame
She covers the
shame
Removes the
stain
It could be
her name

Grace
It's the name
for a girl
It's also a
thought that
Changed the
world

Grace
She carries a
world on her
hips
No cham-
pagne flute
for her lips
No twirls or
skips between
her finger-
tips . . .

P: . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY "By Grace I'm Saved"

... LSB #566

The Choir will sing Stanza 3

Please stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

C: **we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteous-
ness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to
eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink
his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

SANCTUS ("Holy")



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

*She carries a
pearl
In perfect con-
dition
What once
was hurt
What once
was friction
What left a
mark
No longer
stings*

*Because Grace
makes beauty
Out of ugly
things
Grace finds
beauty
In everything*

*Grace finds
goodness in
everything*

*~ U2,
"Grace,"
2000 A.D.*

Faith . . .
 Means that a
 person abso-
 lutely aban-
 dons himself
 to the Word
 and sacra-
 ments.
 ~ Leif Grane,
*Commen-
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In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

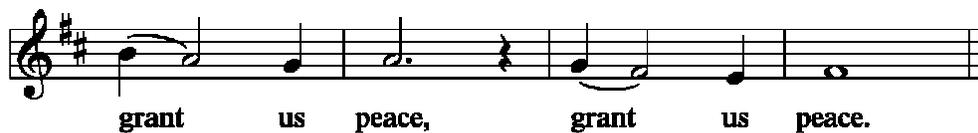
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
 C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead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

ACCLAMATION

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. The pastor will hand you the holy Body. You may receive the precious Blood either by individual cup or from the chalice. Those who do not commune may cross their arms over their chest as they come forward to ask for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“We Walk By Faith & Not By Sight” ... Michael D. Costello
(sung by the Choir)

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” *(sung by all)* ... LSB #624

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



**A Prayer
As You Go**
 O Lord Jesus, we
 thank and
 praise you
 that you
 have again
 refreshed us
 with the gift
 of your holy
 body and
 blood in this
 comforting
 sacrament.
 Bless our
 participation
 that we may
 depart from
 your pres-
 ence with
 peace and
 joy in the
 knowledge
 that we are
 reconciled to
 God. We
 ask this in
 Your name.
 Amen

He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"By Grace I'm Saved

... Jacob B. Weber

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

(Pr. Johnson to Bethany 10:30am)

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Flute: Jacob Roseman

Choir: The Zion Kantorei

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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