

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG “Amazing Grace” LSB 744, sts. 1-5

MESSAGE OF THE DAY
“UNDESERVED GRACE” (Text: Acts 15:1-11)
The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER
P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...
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

BENEDICTION
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ + and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C. Amen.
(Please sit)

CLOSING SONG “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”
Chorus
Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul,
Worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I’ll worship Your holy Name.

Verse 1
The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning;
It’s time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus
(continued...)

Verse 2
You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus

Verse 3
And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still, my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Final Chorus
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I worship Your holy Name.
Yes, I will worship Your holy Name.
Lord, I worship Your holy name.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C. Thanks be to God!

* * * To God be the glory * * *

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CONNECTION SERVICE
September 28, 2025
10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN
“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

WORSHIP SONG “Father Welcomes” LSB 605,
sts. 1-3

INVOCATION
P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen

--BAPTISM OF HUDSON DAVID
Son of Peter & Amanda

Baptism liturgy, then...

P. Finally, Hudson, God washes you of your sins in baptism but He also brings you into His family. We welcome you into our family in God’s name. Come and enjoy with us the many gifts of God as we all wait for the day of His return.
C. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

P. Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You have sent us Your Son, Jesus, to take our place in death and rise from the grave. We thank You for working through baptism to wash us of our sins and bring us into Your family.

P. We thank You for bringing Hudson to the waters of baptism and now we ask You to help us surround Hudson with Your love so we can walk in grace and new life together. Protect Hudson from the temptations of this world and bless him to join us in the life of faith.

P. The Lord preserve you in every step of your life from now to life eternal. The peace of Christ + be with you. **C. Amen.**

(Please stand)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ’s sake.

C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, “You are forgiven.” In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

(Please sit)

FIRST READING Amos 6:1-7

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? *(continued...*

⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

L. Here ends the first reading.

C. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 3:1-13

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God’s church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

L. Here ends the second reading.

C. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

C. Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please sit)

TITHES & OFFERING

(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)