

# Worship Service for Sunday, September 21, 2025

## 9:00AM

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession and Absolution

P Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.

C **Eternal God, we confess that we all have sinned and need forgiveness. By nature, we are sinful from the very beginnings of our lives. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

P God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in T peace.

C **Amen.**

### SONG

### Your Grace Is Enough

- 1) **Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart**

#### *PRE-CHORUS*

**So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God**

#### *Chorus*

**Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me**

- 2) Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

*PRE-CHORUS*

**So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God**

*Chorus*

**Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me**

*Chorus*

**Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me**

*PRE-CHORUS*

**So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God**

*Chorus 2*

**Yeah, Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing, Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me, for me**

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## Service of the Word

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Proverbs 4:10–23*

- <sup>10</sup>Hear, my son, and accept my words,  
that the years of your life may be many.  
<sup>11</sup>I have taught you the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.  
<sup>12</sup>When you walk, your step will not be hampered,  
and if you run, you will not stumble.  
<sup>13</sup>Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;

guard her, for she is your life.  
<sup>14</sup>Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
 and do not walk in the way of the evil.  
<sup>15</sup>Avoid it; do not go on it;  
 turn away from it and pass on.  
<sup>16</sup>For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;  
 they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.  
<sup>17</sup>For they eat the bread of wickedness  
 and drink the wine of violence.  
<sup>18</sup>But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,  
 which shines brighter and brighter until full day.  
<sup>19</sup>The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;  
 they do not know over what they stumble.  
<sup>20</sup>My son, be attentive to my words;  
 incline your ear to my sayings.  
<sup>21</sup>Let them not escape from your sight;  
 keep them within your heart.  
<sup>22</sup>For they are life to those who find them,  
 and healing to all their flesh.  
<sup>23</sup>Keep your heart with all vigilance,  
 for from it flow the springs of life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 92:1–2*

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
**to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;**  
 to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*  
**and your faithful- | ness by night.**

## Epistle

*Galatians 5:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.  
 C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”  
<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## SONG

## One Thing Remains

1. Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant in the trial and the change  
One thing remains  
One thing remains

*Chorus*

**Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
Never runs out on me  
Your love**

2. On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never ever have to be afraid  
One thing remains  
One thing remains

*Chorus*

**Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
Never runs out on me  
Your love**

*Bridge*

**In death in life I'm confident and  
Cover'd by the power of Your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that  
Can separate my heart from Your great love**

*Chorus*

**Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
Never runs out on me  
Your love**

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**Sermon**

**SONG**

**We Believe (During Offering)**

**1. In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe we believe  
In this broken generation  
When all is dark You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe we believe**

*Chorus*

**We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again  
(We believe)**

**2. So let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
In our weakness and temptations  
We believe we believe**

*Chorus*

**We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again**

*Bridge*

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now let love invade  
Let the church live loud our God will save  
We believe we believe  
And the gates of hell will not prevail**

**For the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe we believe**

*Chorus*

**We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again**

*Ending*

**He's coming back again  
He's coming back again  
We believe we believe**

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*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

# Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

*LSB 216*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.**

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

## The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 217*

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 T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## SONG

## We Fall Down

### *Chorus*

**And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb**

**We fall down**

**We lay our crowns**

**At the feet of Jesus**

**The greatness of mercy and love**

**At the feet of Jesus**

### *Chorus*

**And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb**

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## Pax Domini

**P The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

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## SONG

## Death was Arrested

### **Verse 1**

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

### **Verse 2**

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

### **Chorus**

Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You

### **Verse 3**

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began

### **Chorus**

#### **Verse 4**

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began



### **Bridge**

Oh we're free free forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

### ***Repeat Bridge***

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## **SONG**

## **Who You Say I Am**

### **Verse 1**

**Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me**

### **Chorus 1**

**Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am**

### **Verse 2**

**Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me**

### **Chorus 2**

**Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am**

### **Bridge**

**I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am  
(REPEAT)**

### **Chorus 2**

**Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God**

## Yes I am

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*Stand*

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

C **we give thanks that through this Sacrament You have again strengthened our faith in Your saving grace that through Christ we are freed from being dead in sin to being alive to You;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Benedicamus

*LSB 218*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C **Amen.**

### SONG

#### Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

1. **Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm 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**

#### *Chorus*

**My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace**

3. **The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures**

#### *Chorus*

**My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace**

*Chorus*

**My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace**

**4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine**

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