



MEANS OF *Grace*

A SERMON SERIES

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, November 13th

PRELUDE

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Baptismal Waters Cover Me”

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

C: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**

P: In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

[Moment of silent confession]

P: Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father:

C: **Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

C: **Amen.**

- P: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
C: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
- P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
C: **the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.**
- P: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
C: **The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**
- P: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
C: **The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.**
- P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
C: **the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.**
- P: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
C: **The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"**
- P: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
C: **May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!**
- P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
C: **As it was in the beginning, is now, will be forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 6:1-14 [ESV]

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 3:13-17 [ESV]*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

SERMON HYMN “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”

SERMON “BAPTISM”

OFFERING

RESPONSE “Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy”

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

arr. John Behnke

Organ

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CLOSING HYMN “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

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arr. Wayne Wold

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