



MEANS OF *Grace*

A SERMON SERIES

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, October 30th

PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

arr. Kevin Hildebrand

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: **Amen.**

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.**

[Moment of silent confession]

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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: God is our refuge and our strength, An ever-present help in distress.

C: **Though the earth trembles, and mountains slide into the sea, we will not fear.**

P: Waters may rise and roar, and mountains shake at their surging;

C: **The Lord of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!**

P: Even if nations are in chaos, and kingdoms fall, God's voice resounds; the earth melts away.

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P: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

P: What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

P: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

C: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

P: Glory by to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, it now, will be forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. Jason W. Krug

Dona Nobis Pacem Handbell

2ND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 1 [ESV]

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON John 6:60-70 [ESV]

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

SERMON HYMN “Thy Strong Word”

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Living Christ, Our Rock and Foundation”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Voices of Peace

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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Brass Quintet & Piano

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

“Rock of Ages”

Organ

arr. Gordon Young

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Lift High the Cross”

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

Organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt



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