

# The Unfailing Grace of God

2nd Sunday after Epiphany  
January 19, 2025 – 11:00 AM

## AS WE GATHER

God's grace is truly unfailing. It meets us in our moments of need, transforms our insufficiency into abundance, and calls us to a deeper relationship with Him.+

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE SING

**"Your Grace Is Enough"**

*Matt Maher*

**"This Is Amazing Grace"**

*Farro/Wickham/Riddle*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 62:1-5 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup>[The Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah], "For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. <sup>3</sup>You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah (which means 'my delight is in her') and your land Beulah (which means 'married'); for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. <sup>5</sup>As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you."

### GOSPEL READING

**John 2:1-11 (GOD'S WORD)**

<sup>1</sup>Three days later a wedding took place in the city of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and His disciples had been invited too. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, "They're out of wine." <sup>4</sup>Jesus said to her, "Why did you come to Me? My time has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother told the servers, "Do whatever He tells you." <sup>6</sup>Six stone water jars were there. They were used for Jewish purification rituals. Each jar held 18 to 27 gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus told the servers, "Fill the jars with water." The servers filled the jars to the brim. <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to them, "Pour some, and take it to the person in charge." The servers did as they were told. <sup>9</sup>The person in charge tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it had come from, although the servers who had poured the water knew. The person in charge called the groom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the best wine first. When people are drunk, the host serves cheap wine. But you have saved the best wine for now."

<sup>11</sup>Cana in Galilee was the place where Jesus began to perform miracles. He made His glory public there, and His disciples believed in Him.

## KIDS' TIME

*DCE Liz Peters*

## MESSAGE

### **"Graceful Love"**

*Pastor Doug Slavens*

(Today's Readings)

## CONFESSION OF SINS

*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.**

Silent time for personal reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

*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.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## WE CONFESS OUR FAITH -- APOSTLES' CREED

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

# GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING OF PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

## SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

**"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"**

**"Graves Into Gardens"**

**COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE CLOSING BLESSING**

**WE SING**

**"The River"**

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**OUR OFFERINGS**

All that we have and all that we are belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good! We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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