

Introduction

- I. God performs an amazing and marvelous work of God in this church building - God's people come to faith and are strengthened in faith.
- II. Isaiah 55:10ff speaks of the amazing power of God's Word.

**The Wonder of the Means of Grace**

I. **The Great Need**

- A. Whence does faith proceed? The implication is that we don't have this faith naturally and we can do nothing ourselves to obtain this faith.

- B. The Holy Spirit works faith in the hearts of elect, redeemed sinners through means, which we constantly need.

II. **The Powerful Preaching**

- A. The preaching is an amazing, powerful wonder because of what it is. It is the authoritative exposition and proclamation of the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

- B. What the preaching accomplishes is truly amazing, which is what we read in Isaiah 55:10, 11

III. **The Sustaining Sacraments**

- A. What are the sacraments?

- B. What does God work in us by the sacraments?