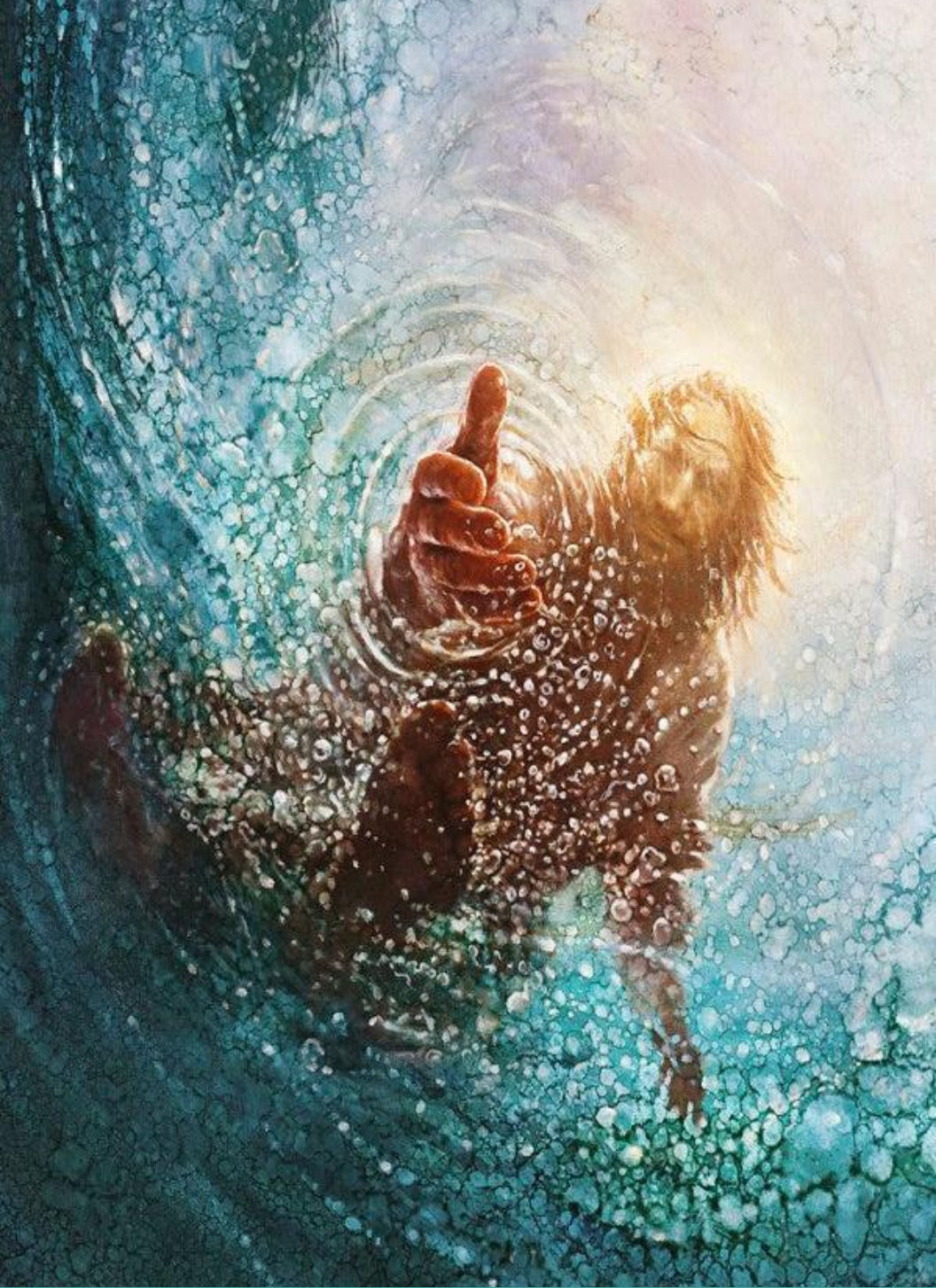




10th Sunday after Trinity † August 9, 2026

THE OPENING

Today's order of service follows the Worship Supplement Setting 2 (tan hymnal p.12ff).

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn LSB 903 *This is the Day the Lord Has Made*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

♪ C *Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

Glory to God in the Highest

A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

♪ C *Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.*

*Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.*

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

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

C Amen.



THE SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading: *Job 38:4-18*

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements --surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸ "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹ and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? ¹² "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³ that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵ From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶ "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷ Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸ Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 107:23-32*

- P** Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters;
- C** They saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.
- P** For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- C** They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight;
- P** They reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end.
- C** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- P** He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- C** Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.



P Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

C Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Epistle Reading: James 1:2-8, 12

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways... ¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

 **C Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Hymn LSB 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

THEME: SOMETIMES IT TAKES A STORM TO GET YOUR SEA LEGS

I. A storm foreseen and permitted by the Lord.

II. A storm used by the Lord to test and strengthen our faith.

1. *What is the meaning of the phrase "getting your sea legs"?*
2. *Why had it been such an exhausting day for the disciples?*
3. *What kind of storms should Christians expect in life?*
4. *Who ultimately allowed the storm? Why? (hint: James 1:2-3)*
5. *From where did Peter get his sea legs (aka faith)? (hint: Rom. 10:17)*
6. *Why did Peter become afraid and start to sink?*
7. *What great assurance do we have for when our sea legs fail us?*

THE RESPONSE

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

Hymn LSB 717 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* (alt. vv. 2-3)

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement page.

Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

☩ 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.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ **☩ Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn LSB 658:5 *Preserve Your Word, O Savior*

WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- † **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- † **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- † **Amplifying headsets** are available. Please ask an usher.
- † **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- † **If you are looking for a church home?** Ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed after service to please move the classroom furniture from the fellowship hall back to the classrooms. The classroom carpets were cleaned this past Tuesday.

Vivian Elise Meger (9lb 8oz, 22in) was born on August 3 to new parents Gunnar and Stacy Meger (nee Lentz). Both mother and child are healthy and recovering. Praise God! Stacy is a recent member transfer from Immanuel, Mankato and a granddaughter of Ed and Verona Lentz. A baptism is planned for a future date.

Outreach Committee Meeting: Next Sunday, August 23 at 10:15am we will be holding our first outreach committee meeting. All communicant members are welcome to attend. The purpose of this initial meeting will be to organize, define the committee's work, and set a list of goals. Please join us as we seek to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in our community!

Special Service for the 50th Anniversary of Grace School: Join us in celebrating 50 years of God's grace in our Christian day school on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 10am. We'll gather for a special anniversary worship service with Grace alumni Pastor Neal Radichel as our guest preacher, followed by a potluck picnic, a memory-filled slideshow, and joyful fellowship. All students, alumni, families, staff, church members, and friends are invited to come give thanks for God's faithfulness across generations.

Funeral Worksheets are available by the guest book. It is helpful for Pastor to have some advance direction for future funeral services in the event that Jesus calls you home to heaven. Please consider completing a funeral worksheet with your biographical info, Scripture/hymn suggestions, memorial preferences, etc. Please turn in your worksheet to Pastor and he'll keep it on file.

CLC Women's Retreat West is Sept. 18-20 at Arrowhead Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma, SD. Cost is \$140 (lodging not included). Register at tinyurl.com/WR-West2026. Interested in carpooling? Talk to Ashley Naumann.

CLC Man Up! Weekend is Sept. 24-27 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Cost is \$75 (lodging and food included). Cost increases to \$150 after August 31. Register at www.manup.clclutheran.org.

CLC Call News: Pastor Luke Willitz of Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN, has **returned** the call to Gift of God, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel has **returned** the call to Living Hope, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion, Madison, Heights, MI. <> Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul, Bismarck, ND, has **received** the call to St. Paul's, Austin, MN. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Church, Vernon, BC, has **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Reim has also **received** the call to Messiah, EC, WI.

Serving Us † Today

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

<i>Organist:</i> Jan Davis	<i>Church Cleaners:</i> K & S Hulke
<i>Usher Team 2:</i> Jeremiah Boe; Lucas Boe; Larry Brandt; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow	<i>Counting Team 3:</i> Gary Gunter; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Benno Sydow

Serving Us † Next Sunday

<i>Organist:</i> Janelle Hein	<i>Church Cleaners:</i> K & S Hulke
<i>Usher Team 2:</i> Jeremiah Boe; Lucas Boe; Larry Brandt; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow	<i>Counting Team 4:</i> Kyle Aymond; Thomas Graham; Kevin Hulke; Clint Welker

Upcoming † Calendar

If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

Today	10:15am	Church Board Meetings
	11:00am	Church Council Meeting
Sun. 8/16	9:00am	Sunday Worship Service
Mon. 8/17	7:00pm	Ice Cream Social – Grace School
Sun. 8/23	10:15am	Outreach Committee Meeting
Mon. 8/31	8:00am	Opening Service for 1 st Day of School at Grace
Sun. 9/12	10:00am	School Anniversary Special Service
	11:15am	Picnic Meal (in place of Church picnic)
Sun. 9/20	9:00am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship Service (Regular Schedule Begins)
Wed. 9/30	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Study Begins
Sun. 10/11	10:00am	Mission Festival (Guest Preacher: Pastor Luke Bernthal)

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Cindy Bruckbauer remains mostly homebound due to chronic illness. **Judy Dahlin** remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Cindy Degnan** remains mostly homebound due to severe, persistent seizures. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to chronic illness. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Daniel and Jessica Robin** are expecting their first child in Jan 2027. **Bob Rust** is receiving treatment for cancer. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Last Week Attendance: Worship = 95

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	3,350	CLC:	1,290			
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-2,050	CLC:	-150			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	172,855	CLC:	54,312			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	167,400	CLC:	44,640			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	5455	CLC:	9672			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	-
SAF Endowment:	50.00	MDF:	-	Kinship:	140	EduK8:	-
ILC Student Aid:	25.00	ILC Bldg.:	-	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	9,438	Sanctuary:	21,784		