

rebels against your commandment and disobeys your words, whatever you command him, shall be put to death. "Only be strong and courageous."

Rahab Hides the Spies

2 And Joshua the son of Nun ^xsent¹ two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of ^ya prostitute whose name was ^zRahab and lodged there. ²And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you

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who entered your house, for they have come

THE OPENING

Today's order of service follows the Worship Supplement Setting 1 (tan hymnal p. 1ff).

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn LSB 566:1-4 *By Grace I'm Saved*

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 God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have
fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus
Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the
truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive
us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by
nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts,
words, and actions. But we are sorry for our
transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy,
to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for
Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in
the way everlasting. Amen.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not
for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We
are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may
approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need.
In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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 in the highest,**
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Epistle Reading: *Romans 11:13-15, 28-32*

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . . ²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Psalmody: *Psalm 100*

(Tan Worship Supplement p.35)

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15:21-28*

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

♪ **G 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 849 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Sermon Reading: *Joshua 2:1-21*

And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ² And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." ³ Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from." ⁵ And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." ⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷ So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out. ⁸ Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹ and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰ For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹ And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house,

and give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." ¹⁴ And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you." ¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. ¹⁶ And she said to them, "Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way." ¹⁷ The men said to her, "We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. ¹⁸ Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. ¹⁹ Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. ²⁰ But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear." ²¹ And she said, "According to your words, so be it." Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

THEME: GOD'S GRACE RUNS RED

I. For the Scarlet Woman. II. For us all.

- 1. List two reasons why Rahab was such an unlikely convert:*
- 2. What do Rahab's incredible words in v.11 reveal about her?*
- 3. Which salvation miracle does Rahab especially mention? (v.10)*
- 4. How did the scarlet cord ensure salvation for Rahab's family?*
- 5. Write down the quote from William Evans. What does it mean?*
- 6. With what red substance has God provided salvation for all people?*
- 7. Why is Rahab mentioned in Matthew chapter 1?*
- 8. So what exactly are the chances that Rahab or any of us would be brought to faith and be saved?*

THE RESPONSE

The Offertory

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

♪ **C** **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 744 *Amazing Grace*

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.

C **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)

P 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.

♪ **C** **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn LSB 566:5-6 *By Grace I'm Saved*

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

Grace School Photos Requested: The 50th Anniversary Committee is searching for photos featuring past school events/activities/students to be used in the anniversary slideshow. Please add them to the Google Album shared in yesterday's church email. The Anniversary Committee thanks you!

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

New School Support Group: A new group (tentatively named BRIDGE) is being organized by Ashley Naumann to help support Grace's teachers and students. School parents and church members are encouraged to join! The group will help with planning school activities and providing appreciation and support for the teachers. More information is available in the handout by the guest book.

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.

New Address: Please update your contact information for Roger and Maureen Ochsner: 6620 Chestnut St. #409, Lino Lakes, MN 55038.

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 David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC, has **returned** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul, Vernon, British Columbia, has **returned** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor David Reim has also **returned** the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul, Bismarck, ND, has **returned** the call to St. Paul's, Austin, MN. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion, Madison, Heights, MI.

Serving Us † Today

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

<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; Brandan Paplow; Pat Paplow	<i>Counting Team 4:</i> Kyle Aymond; Thomas Graham; Kevin Hulke; Clint Welker

Serving Us † Next Sunday

<i>Organist:</i> Sue Nelson	<i>Church Cleaners:</i> K & S Hulke
<i>Usher Team 2:</i> Jeremiah Boe; Lucas Boe; Larry Brandt; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Brandan Paplow; Pat Paplow	<i>Counting Team 1:</i> Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Dave Rust

Upcoming † Calendar

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

Mon. 8/17	7:00pm	Ice Cream Social – Grace School
Sun. 8/23	9:00am	Sunday Worship Service
	10:15am	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed. 8/26	7:00pm	Budget 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 = 75

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	2,726	CLC:	350				
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440				
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-2,674	CLC:	-1090				
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	175,581	CLC:	54,662				
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	172,800	CLC:	46,080				
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	2781	CLC:	8582				
GLC Other:		-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	75	Sanctuary:	-
SAF Endowment:		-	MDF:	-	Kinship:	140	EduK8:	200
ILC Student Aid:		-	ILC Bldg.:	100	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:		9,513	Sanctuary:		21,784	