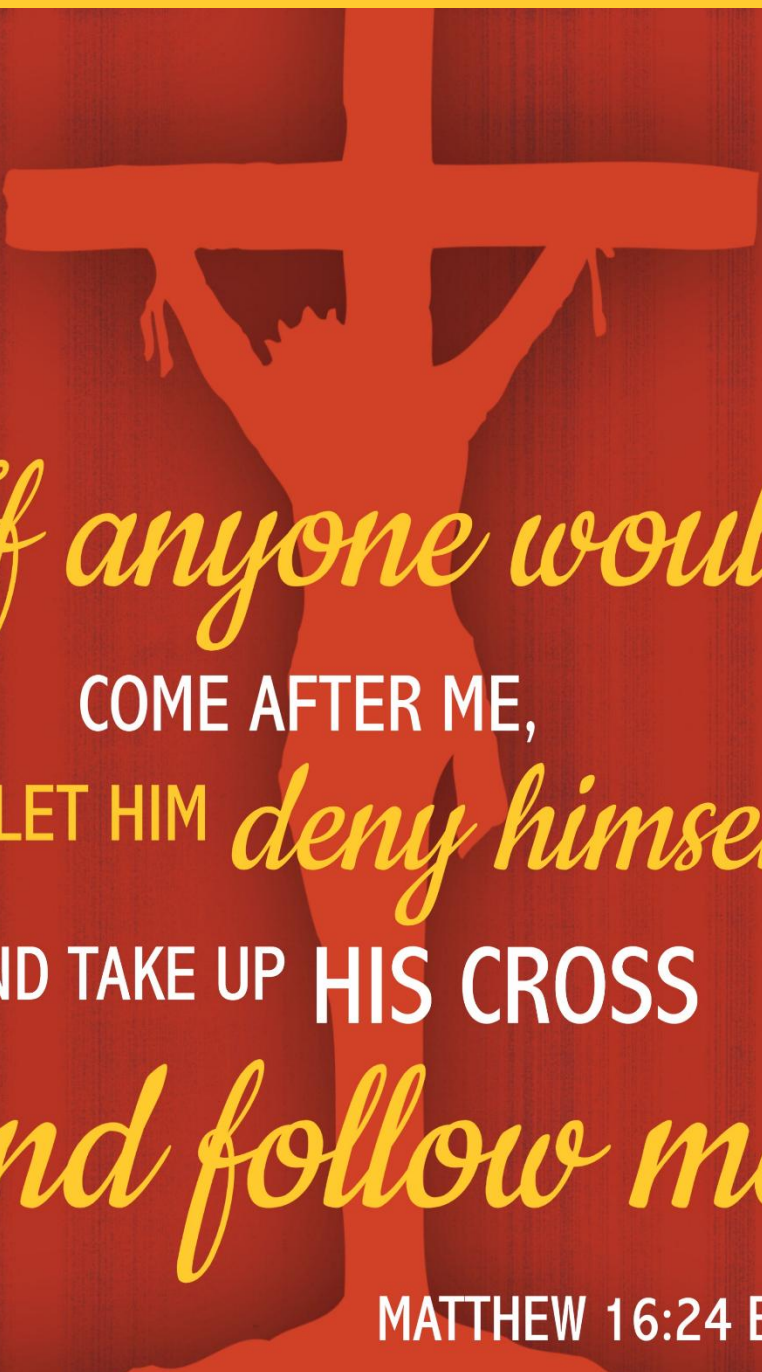


13th Sunday after Trinity † August 30, 2026



If anyone would

COME AFTER ME,

LET HIM *deny himself*

AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS

and follow me.

MATTHEW 16:24 ESV

THE OPENING

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

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn LSB 719 / *Leave All Things to God's Direction*

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 Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 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

Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 121*

- [P]** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
- [C]** My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- [P]** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- [C]** Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- [P]** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- [C]** The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- [P]** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- [C]** The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.



Epistle Reading: *Romans 12:1-8*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

[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 685 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: *Matthew 16:21-26*

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

THEME: THE NECESSITY OF THE CROSS

I. For the Christ. (21-23) II. For the Christian. (24-26)

1. *What wonderful answer had Peter recently given regarding the question of Jesus' identity? (Matthew 16:16)*

2. *Why did Jesus react so sharply to Peter's well-intentioned rebuke?*

3. *What would have happened if Jesus had listened to Peter? (3 things)*

A)

B)

C)

4. *Fill in the blanks:*

The necessity of the _____ of Christ gives _____
the _____ of the _____ of eternal life.

5. *Why would this talk of crosses have been confusing to the disciples?*

6. *What does it mean to deny yourself and take up your cross?*

7. *How is losing yourself in Jesus similar to boarding an airplane?*

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 with Your free Spirit.

Hymn LSB 688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

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 692:1 *Praise to You and Adoration*

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

School Begins Tomorrow: We will open the school year with a brief worship service at 8am. All are invited. May the Lord bless our teachers and students!

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.

Notes from the Anniversary Planning Committee:

1. Dorcas Guild Committee 3 will take responsibility for setup; Committee 1 will take responsibility for cleanup.
2. We ask that church members please bring sides and salads for the picnic meal (hot dogs and cake will be provided).
3. We ask for volunteers to help open/close the classroom wall so that all attendees can hear the MC, presentations, and slideshow.
4. We continue to request photos of past school events, activities, and students. Please add your photos to the shared Google album.
5. We are hopeful for a large attendance! All alumni in attendance will receive a free commemorative pen and be invited to sing "Go Now in Peace" at the end of the service.

Member Visits: Pastor continues to schedule home visits with church members alphabetically by last name. If you'd like a visit sooner rather than later, please let him know and we'll make it happen!

Catastrophic flash floods in Nepal have caused destruction and death throughout much of the country, including among members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession Nepal. The CLC Board of Missions is in communication with HCLCN President Raju Bhitrakoti to determine how we can best assist affected HCLCN congregations and families. Please keep our Nepali brothers and sisters in your prayers!

CLC Women's Retreat West is Sept. 18-20 at Arrowhead Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma, SD. Cost: \$140. Register at tinyurl.com/WR-West2026.

CLC Man Up! Weekend is Sept. 24-27 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Cost: \$75. Register at www.manup.clclutheran.org.

CLC Call News: Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's, Melrose, WI, and Trinity, Millston, WI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to St. Paul's, Austin, MN. <> Mr. Nick Naumann has **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD.

Serving Us † Today

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

Organist: Maureen Ochsner	Church Cleaners: K & S Hulke
Usher Team 2: Jeremiah Boe; Lucas Boe; Larry Brandt; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Brandan Paplow; Pat Paplow	Counting Team 2: Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever

Serving Us † Next Sunday

Organist: Steve Kuehne	Church Cleaners: R & H Nelson
Usher Team 2: Jeremiah Boe; Lucas Boe; Larry Brandt; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Brandan Paplow; Pat Paplow	Counting Team 3: Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Benno Sydow

Upcoming † Calendar

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

Today	10:15am	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Mon. 8/31	8:00am	Opening Service for 1 st Day of School at Grace
Sun. 9/6	9:00am	Sunday Worship Service (w/ Communion)
Sun. 9/13	10:00am	School Anniversary Special Service
	11:15am	Picnic Meal (in place of Church picnic)
Wed. 9/16	7:00pm	Budget Committee Meeting
Sun. 9/20	9:00am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship Service (Regular Schedule Begins)
	11:15am	Boards and Council Meetings
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 = 83

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	3,456	CLC:	1,364			
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-1,944	CLC:	-76.2			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	183,281	CLC:	57,470			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	183,600	CLC:	48,960			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	-319	CLC:	8510			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	75	Sanctuary:	100
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	-	Kinship:	140	EduK8:	-
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	50	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	9,613	Sanctuary:	22,159		