



Confirmation Sunday † May 17, 2026

The Opening

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

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn TLH 338 *Thine Forever, God of Love*

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: *Deuteronomy 6:6-13*

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. ¹⁰ "So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, ¹¹ "houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant-- when you have eaten and are full-- ¹² "then beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹³ "You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name.

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 78:1-7*

P Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

C I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,

P Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us.

C We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,

P And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

C For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel,

P Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children;

C That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born,

P That they may arise and declare them to their children,

C That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 7:24-27*

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ "and the

rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

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.

Anthem by the Choir: Lamb of God *(Specially chosen by Confirmand Riley Oman)*

*Your only Son. No sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.*

*Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

Hymn TLH 400 Take My Life and Let It Be

The Sermon

Sermon Reading: Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

THEME: THE HOPE THAT FILLS YOU

Summary: *Cynical sports fans often ridicule hope as a recipe for disappointment. It is true that hope which relies on human effort can and often does disappoint. But Biblical hope is different. Biblical hope is the certain expectation of eternal salvation through Christ alone. This hope is not reliant on human effort, but rather on the rock-solid foundation of Jesus Christ and His mighty Word. This hope comes to us by faith through the Holy Spirit. This hope cannot and will never disappoint. This is not a hope that kills you, this is the hope that fills you!*

Sermon Worksheet

What cynical sports adage warns against the danger of optimism?

Describe the meaning of the grammatical feature which occurs in both instances of the word "hope" in our verse:

Why does human/earthly hope so often disappoint?

What does Romans 3:24 teach us about what God did to overcome sin and sinful human disappointment?

Define Biblical hope:

What adjective does 1 Peter 1:3 apply to this hope?

What did the science experiment demonstrate about hope?

Where can we always go to be filled with more hope? (hint: the second half of the verse)

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, and 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 Spirit free.

Hymn LSB 686 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.**

**2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.**

**3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**

**4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.**

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 insert.

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 Rite of Confirmation

The Confirmation Vows of Riley Mae Oman

Note: These vows are included so that communicant members of Grace may be able to privately reaffirm their own vows made on their Confirmation Day.

1. *Do you this day in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation confirm the solemn covenant which the Triune God made with you at your Baptism? Answer: "I do."*
2. *Do you, then, renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways? Answer: "I do."*
3. *Do you believe in God the Father? Answer: "Yes I believe in God the Father."*
4. *Do you believe in God the Son? Answer: "Yes I believe in God the Son."*
5. *Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? Answer: "Yes I believe in God the Holy Spirit."*
6. *Do you desire to be a member of Grace Lutheran Church and the Church of the Lutheran Confession? Answer: "I do."*
7. *Do you hold all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrines of the Lutheran Church, drawn from the Bible, as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, to be faithful and true? Answer: "I do."*
8. *Do you also, as a member of Grace Lutheran Church, intend to continue steadfast in the confession of God's Holy Word, and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it? Answer: "I do so intend, with the help of God."*
9. *Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the divine Word, to be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace, to strive to live a life befitting a child of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to the Triune God, even unto death? Answer: "I do so intend, by the grace of God."*

The Confirmation Verse of Riley Mae Oman

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Anthem by the Children TLH 370 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

(Specially chosen by Confirmand Riley Oman)

1 *My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

2 *When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

3 *His oath, His covenant, and blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

(Congregation joins in stanza 4)

4 *When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.*

The Benediction

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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

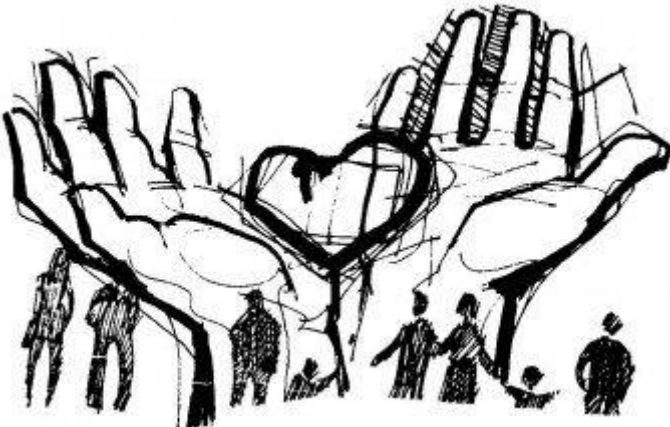
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



G Amen, Amen, Amen!

Closing Hymn WS 800 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*



The Announcements

Confirmation: We congratulate Riley Oman for completing her catechetical instruction so that she understands all the foundational doctrines revealed in Scripture about our Triune God. We also welcome her as a communicant member at Grace. Following the worship service there will be a reception in the fellowship hall in which a light luncheon will be served.

School Play: The end of the year play, "Vacation on Mars," will be on Thursday, May 21, at 7pm. Parents, please bring refreshments to share following the performance. Come support our teachers and school children in their hard work!

Thank You to our schoolteachers and staff! This Friday marks the end of another school year at Grace. We cannot thank our teachers enough for all the hard work and dedication which you give toward the Christian education of our youth. May God bless your summer with rest and refreshment!

Graduates: Please list any member of Grace that is graduating this year (Jan-Dec 2026) on the sheet by the guest book. Include the school's name and the degree. Our Graduation Sunday is May 24. Riley Oman and Elsie Snyder will also graduate from Grace School that day.

Summer Worship Schedule: Next Sunday, May 24, the summer schedule will begin with worship held at 9 am. Bible Class and Sunday School are recessed for summer.

Bridal Shower: Women of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower for Hannah Kazemba at Grace on Sunday, May 31 at 2pm. Hannah is marrying Grace member Daniel Hein on June 13. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Graduation Open House: Celebrate Naomi Story's graduation from ILHS! Open house from 2-6pm on Sat. June 6 at the Baker's residence: 15782 Neon St. NW, Ramsey, MN 55303. See the invitation on the bulletin board for more information.

Suggestions Requested: You are invited to provide your suggestions for how to use God's gift of \$282K from the Marie Miller bequest. Please send your suggestions to Dale Enns who will log them for discussion at future Council and Voters Meetings. These can be in any form including email, text, or verbal. Examples of previous suggestions include: LSB hymnals, replace failing electronic piano, furniture, multiple building improvement as well as sanctuary improvement projects, donations to ILC Building Fund or other CLC funds, an endowment.

"The Branches": If you would like to start receiving "The Branches" (A CLC women's magazine) please contact Sandy Hulke: thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com. Previous subscriptions will automatically be renewed. Any changes? Contact Sandy.

Daily Rest: Daily Rest is a daily devotion book printed quarterly by the CLC. It is time to renew subscriptions or get a new subscription if you would like to receive this edifying material. The deadline to subscribe is June 1. Jan Davis has offered to collect the \$15 payments again this year. You may give this payment to her directly or mail your payment in her name to her address: Jan Davis, 7986 Van Buren Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Please contact her (davis7986@gmail.com/612-590-5354) for instructions if you wish to submit your payment electronically through Zelle® or Venmo®.

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 Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Chad Seybt has also **received** the call to St. Luke’s, Lemmon, SD. <> Teacher Stephen Krause of Grace School, Valentine, NE, has **received** the call to Faith School, Markesan, WI.

Serving Us † Today

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

Organist: Stephen Kuehne	Church Cleaners: Wales	School Cleaners: Wales
Usher Team 3: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelly; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales		Counting Team 3: Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Benno Sydow

Serving Us † Next Sunday

Organist: Sue Nelson	Church Cleaners: Kuehne	School Cleaners: Volunteer?
Usher Team 3: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelly; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales		Counting Team 4: Kyle Aymond; Thomas Graham; Kevin Hulke; Clint Welker

Upcoming † Calendar

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

Today	11am	Confirmation Luncheon
Thu. 5/21	7pm	Grace School Spring Program
Sat. 5/23	10am	ILC Graduation @ ILC Campus, Eau Claire, WI
Sun. 5/24	9am	Pentecost Sunday Service (Summer Schedule Begins)
Sat. 6/6		MN Delegate Conference @ Berea, Inver Grove Heights

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List


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

Judy Dahlin remains homebound as she contends with the loss of her sight. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound as she contends with the loss of her sight. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound as she contends with chronic illness. **Jane Cowan** is receiving chemo and radiation treatment for lung cancer. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor Naumann 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: 89 † Bible Class: 37 † Sunday School: 12

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	2,487	CLC:	1,250	<small>QR Code for Online Giving:</small> 			
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC	1,440				
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-2,913	CLC	-190				
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	101,846	CLC:	28,500				
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	102,600	CLC:	27,360				
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	(754)	CLC:	1140				
GLC Other:		-	Living Faith:	100	Tuition Aid:	1,025	Sanctuary:	-
SAF Endowment:		-	MDF:	-	Kinship:	246	EduK8:	-
ILC Student Aid:		-	ILC Bldg.:	-	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	5,608	Sanctuary:	20,234			

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior!

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

- † **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.
- † **Questions?** Please alert one of the ushers on duty. They would be happy to assist you!

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