

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity † June 21, 2026



LOOK AT THE BIRDS OF THE AIR;  
**THEY DO NOT SOW  
OR REAP**

OR STORE AWAY IN BARNES,  
AND YET YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER  
**FEEDS THEM.**

ARE YOU NOT MUCH  
MORE VALUABLE THAN THEY?

M A T T H E W 6 : 2 6 , N I V

# THE OPENING

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

## Greeting and Prayer

### Opening Hymn TLH 19:1-4 *All Praise to God*

### 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: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup> "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." <sup>10</sup> So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." <sup>11</sup> And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup> So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." <sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son." <sup>14</sup> "For thus says the LORD God of Israel: `The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'" <sup>15</sup> So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 37 *Selected Verses*

- P** Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.
- C** For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.
- P** Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
- C** Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
- P** Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.
- C** Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
- P** Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret-- it only causes harm.
- C** For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.



**P** I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

**C** **He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.**

### **Epistle Reading: *Philippians 4:8-13***

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy-- meditate on these things. <sup>9</sup> The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup> But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: <sup>12</sup> I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**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 TLH 428 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus***

# THE SERMON

## **Sermon Reading:** *Matthew 6:24-34 (ESV)*

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. <sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup> "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

## **THEME: LEAVE IT TO GOD**

I. He supplies all your needs. II. He deserves all your devotion.

*In what way does the advice "Give it to God" fall short?*

*What word does Jesus repeat and emphasize more than any other?*

*What two examples of Godly provision does Jesus identify? (v.26; 28)*

*If God cares and provides for these, what does that mean for you?*

*How can we be sure that God will always provide for us? (Rom. 8:32)*

*Instead of trying to fit God into our lives, what should we be doing?*

*How should we go about this? (v.33)*

# 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, 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 WS 789** *Consider How the Birds Above*

## 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 WS 785** *Children of the Heavenly Father*

# 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

**The Quarterly Voters Meeting** is today following the service.

**Jane Cowan** was called to her heavenly home this past Friday after an 11-week battle with cancer. We thank God for Jane's victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. Funeral arrangements will be forthcoming. *Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15*

**Church Apparel:** Rick Nelson is printing an order of shirts with Grace's logo. Order forms with options and pricing are available by the Guest Book. Please get your order form and payment to Rick by July 5.

**Fridley 49ers Parade:** Grace will have the opportunity to promote our church, school, and VBS by walking in the Fridley 49ers Parade on Thursday, July 16. More details on timing and location to come. If you don't have a green Grace school shirt, please speak to Heidi Nelson by July 5.

**Lutheran Spokesman:** We are renewing our annual congregational subscriptions to the *Lutheran Spokesman* (the official monthly magazine of the CLC). All Grace members receive a free subscription. Please confirm or add your current mailing address to the renewal form by the Guest Book.

**New Address:** Please update your contact information for Janelle and Julianna Hein: 5286 Greenwood Dr., Mounds View, MN 55112

**Parsonage Projects:** The Board of Trustees is seeking volunteers to help with parsonage improvement projects: painting, cabinetry, tile work, and other minor handiwork. Speak with Rick Nelson if you can help!

**Vacation Bible School:** The dates of VBS are July 27-31. We welcome children age 4yr – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Register online at [fridleylutheran.org](http://fridleylutheran.org). Speak with VBS coordinator Annette Kuehne to volunteer to help!

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD, Zion, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer, Bowdle, SD, has **received** the call to St. Paul's, Austin, MN. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel, Mankato, MN has **received** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ <> Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul, Bismarck, ND, has **received** the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. <> Mr. Steve Sydow has **received** the call to Living Hope, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel, Morris, MN, has **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Schnose has also **received** call to Gift of God, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul's Ponsford, MN.

**CLC Man Up! Weekend:** The 2026 ManUp! Men's Weekend is Sept 24-27, 2026, at Wyalusing State Park, WI. Register at [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org)

## Serving Us † Today

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

<b>Organist:</b> Jan Davis	<b>Church Cleaners:</b> B & B Sydow
<b>Usher Team 4:</b> Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Al Rosendahl; Grant Wells	<b>Counting Team 4:</b> Kyle Aymond; Thomas Graham; Kevin Hulke; Clint Welker

## Serving Us † Next Sunday

<b>Organist:</b> Sue Nelson	<b>Church Cleaners:</b> B & B Sydow
<b>Usher Team 4:</b> Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Al Rosendahl; Grant Wells	<b>Counting Team 1:</b> Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Dave Rust

## Upcoming † Calendar

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

<b>Today</b>	10:15am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
<b>Thu. 6/25 -</b>		CLC Delegates Convention
<b>Sun. 6/28</b>		Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI
<b>Sun. 6/28</b>	9:00am	Worship Service
<b>7/8-7/25</b>		Pastor in Africa for 2026 Mission Helper Trip
<b>Mon. 7/27 –</b>	9-11:30am	Vacation Bible School (rescheduled from July 13-17)
<b>Fri. 7/31</b>	Day	
<b>Mon. 8/31</b>		First Day of School at Grace

## 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 due to the loss of her sight. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to chronic illness. **Cindy Bruckbauer** remains mostly homebound due to chronic illness. **Bob Rust** is receiving treatment for cancer. **Daniel and Jessica Robin** are expecting their first child in Jan 2027. **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 = 84

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	3,160	CLC:	410	<small>QR Code for Online Giving:</small> 		
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-2,240	CLC	-1030			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	129,518	CLC:	41,649			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	129,600	CLC:	34,560			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	-82	CLC:	7089			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	1,075	Sanctuary:	-
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	50	Kinship:	140	EduK8:	25
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	25	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	7,518	Sanctuary:	21,034		