



Righteousness
exalts a nation,
but sin is a reproach
to any people.
Proverbs 14:34

5th Sunday after Trinity † July 5, 2026

THE OPENING

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

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn TLH 575 *Before the Lord We Bow*

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.



Psalm 33:12

THE SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading: *Daniel 2:19-23*

Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰ Daniel answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. ²¹ He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; ²² he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. ²³ To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter."


Psalmody: *Psalms 146:2-4; 5-7*

(Tan Worship Supplement p.41)

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:15-22*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹ They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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 Nicene Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Hymn TLH 764 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

THEME: GOD BLESS AMERICA

Summary: *God's Word does not prescribe any one system of government, nor does God tell us which political party to support. But God does tell us that all government is ordained by Him. God instructs us to honor and pray for our leaders and fellow citizens so that we may live peaceful lives and all people may come to repent and believe the gospel. Therefore, it is good and proper that we pray: God bless America!*

How often do you pray for our country? Who specifically should we be praying for? (vv. 1-2)

Why should we be wary of angry politics?

Who institutes governments? How does this impact the way that we view and treat our politicians? (Rom 13:1; Dan 2:21; 1 Pet 2:13)

Why is it important that we pray for our government whether or not we approve of the leadership?

When did Jesus love His enemies and pray for them?

Who was emperor when Paul wrote this? Why is this significant?

What is God's ultimate goal for good government and peaceful living? (v.4)

What should we always remember about our citizenship? (Phil 3:21)

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 TLH 578 *Lord, While for All Mankind We Pray*

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 SACRAMENT

We approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Isaiah 6:3)

♪ C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord’s Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei – Latin for “Lamb of God.” As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary’s cross.

♪ C O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord,

whose blood, once shed, true life restored,

Impart Your joy, our faith increase.

Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Communicants at Grace or another CLC church may approach at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution Hymn WS 755 *What is this Bread*

Close Communion Announcement

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Cor. 1:10 *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

1 Cor. 11:26-30 *"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."*



O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

The Nunc Dimittis – Latin for "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)

♪ **C** **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,**

For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:

A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,

The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,

All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;

For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,

God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

♪ **C** **My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed holy Trinity.**

With angels I, Your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally.

Lord, may Your body and You blood Be for my soul the highest good!

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 TLH 577 God Bless Our Native Land

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor's Africa Mission Trip is July 8-25. He will be traveling to East Africa along with 11 other CLC Mission Helpers. Please pray for safe travels and that God would bless the proclamation of the Gospel! During Pastor's absence, please contact Chairman Dale Enns or a Church Elder for any ministry-related matters. Layservices will be conducted July 12 and 19.

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

Vacation Bible School: The dates of VBS are July 27-31. We welcome children age 4yr – 8th grade. Register online at fridleylutheran.org. Speak with VBS coordinator Annette Kuehne to volunteer to help!

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 TODAY.

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

CLC Mission Helpers to Africa – Nine CLC Mission Helpers (Lauren Gurgel, Abigail Gerbitz, Elijah Sumey, Jeff Radichel, Sarah Radichel, Josh Ohlmann, Lydia Ohlmann, Andrew Lau, Alexis Aichele) along with team leaders (Pastor Tom Naumann and Missionary Todd Ohlmann) are traveling this week to the East African nations of Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia. The Tanzania team will be welcomed and joined in their work by Missionary Bruce and Paula Naumann. The Mission Helpers will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to an estimated 6,000 children. They will focus their efforts in some of the towns and villages where the Kenya-CLC, Tanzania-CLC, and Zambia-CLC have or are working to establish congregations and preaching stations. You can follow the trip blog at www.2026clcmisionhelpertripeastafrica.blogspot.com. Prayers are requested and much appreciated.

Serving Us † Today

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

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| <i>Organist:</i> Janelle Hein | <i>Church Cleaners:</i> Hein |
| <i>Usher Team 4:</i> Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Al Rosendahl; Grant Wells | <i>Counting Team 2:</i> Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever |

Serving Us † Next Sunday

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| <i>Organist:</i> Sue Nelson | <i>Church Cleaners:</i> Volunteer Needed |
| <i>Usher Team 1:</i> Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter | <i>Counting Team 3:</i> Gary Gunter; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Benno Sydow |

Upcoming † Calendar

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

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| Today | 10:15am | VBS Volunteers Meeting |
| 7/8-7/25 | | Pastor in Africa for 2026 Mission Helper Trip |
| Sun. 7/12 | 9:00am | Worship Service (Conducted by Daniel Hein) |
| | 10:15am | Church Board Meetings |
| | 11:00am | Church Council Meetings |
| Mon. 7/27 – Fri. 7/31 | 9-11:30am Daily | Vacation Bible School (rescheduled from July 13-17) |
| Mon. 8/31 | | 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 = 95

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| Weekly Offering: | Grace: | 4,502 | CLC: | 1,415 | <small>QR Code for Online Giving:</small>  | | |
| Weekly Need (est) | Grace: | 5,400 | CLC | 1,440 | | | |
| -Under/+Over | Grace: | -898 | CLC | -25 | | | |
| Year-to-date Offering | Grace: | 139,360 | CLC: | 43,988 | | | |
| Year-to-date Need | Grace: | 140,400 | CLC: | 37,440 | | | |
| Difference from Budget (+/-) | Grace: | -1040 | CLC: | 6548 | | | |
| GLC Other: | - | Living Faith: | - | Tuition Aid: | 45 | Sanctuary: | - |
| SAF Endowment: | - | MDF: | - | Kinship: | 140 | EduK8: | - |
| ILC Student Aid: | - | ILC Bldg.: | - | IIF: | - | CEF: | - |
| Current Balances: | | Tuition Aid: | 7,638 | Sanctuary: | 21,034 | | |

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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