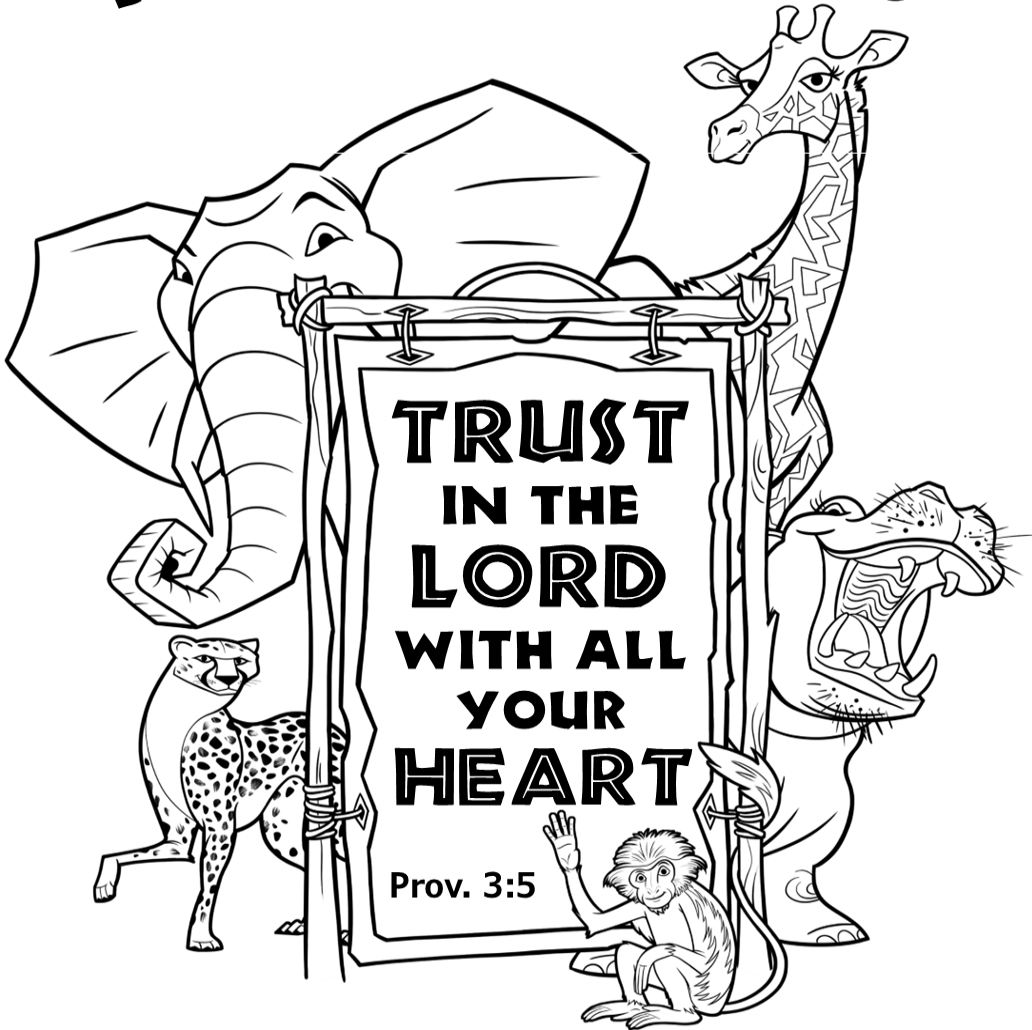


VBS 2026



CAMP KILIMANJARO



Vacation Bible School Sunday † August 2, 2026

THE OPENING

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

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn TLH 16 *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

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

First Reading: *Proverbs 1:1-7*

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: ² To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, ³ to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; ⁴ to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth--
⁵ Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ⁶ to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Responsive Reading: *Selected Proverbs*

- P** Listen to advice and accept instruction,
- C** **That you may gain wisdom in the future. (19:20)**
- P** Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
- C** **And those who love it will eat its fruits. (18:21)**
- P** Commit your work to the LORD,
- C** **And your plans will be established. (16:3)**
- P** Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,
- C** **But the companion of fools will suffer harm. (13:20)**

Recitation and Anthem by the VBS Children

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding.

Listen, God is Calling

*Listen, listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, Comfort and joy. (Repeat)*

*1. Jesus gave his mandate: Share the good news.
That he came to save us And set us free. REFRAIN*

*2. Let none be forgotten Throughout the world.
In the triune name of God Go and baptize. REFRAIN*

*3. Help us to be faithful, Standing steadfast,
Walking in your precepts, Led by your Word. REFRAIN*

Second Reading: Proverbs 2:1-8

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, ² making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; ³ yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, ⁴ if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; ⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, ⁸ guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.

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.

Radichel/Kuehne Choir: Baba Yetu (Swahili Lord's Prayer)

Hymn TLH 294 O Word of God Incarnate

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: *Proverbs 3:1-6*

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, ² for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. ³ Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

THEME: WISEHEARTED

I. Hearts that treasure God's Word. (1-2)

II. Hearts that cling to God's love. (3-4)

III. Hearts that trust God's will. (5-6)

To whom does God address the words of our text? Why is this important to realize?

What African animal was featured at VBS for its listening skills?

What are some examples of ways in which we sometimes fail to treasure God's Word?

What is the most central message of Scripture?

How does God want us to keep this central in our lives?

How does God expect us to treat others based on His love for us? (cf. 1 John 4:11)

Explain the difference between head knowledge and heart trust:

What will happen when believers stumble and fall in this life?

What assurance do we have when we trust in the LORD?

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 336 *My God, Accept My Heart This 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 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

Communicant members of Grace Lutheran Church or a sister CLC congregation may now come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution Hymn TLH 315 / Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

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)

♪ **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.

♪ **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.

♪ **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn TLH 532 Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our Vacation Bible School children for blessing us with your singing today. And thank you to God for blessing us with a tremendous week of Vacation Bible School! 30 children attended. We praise God for the opportunity to bring His Word to these precious children. Thank you to all the volunteer teachers, team leaders, and helpers, and especially VBS Coordinator Annette Kuehne for planning and organizing the entire week! Everyone is invited to please stay after the service today for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Thank you to everyone who helped move the Naumann family into the parsonage on Friday! The light rain kept things cool for all the heavy lifting. We are so appreciative of all the hard work done by the Trustees and the many volunteers who helped prepare the parsonage for our arrival. We thank God for your all and we are excited to get settled into our new home! Love, the Naumanns

Inaugural Outreach Committee Meeting: On Sunday, August 23 at 10:15am we will be holding our first outreach committee meeting. All communicant members are welcome to attend. The purpose of this initial meeting will be to organize, define the committee's work, and set a list of goals. Please join us as we work to proclaim the saving gospel of Jesus Christ in our community!

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 as we give thanks for God's faithfulness across generations.

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

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Last Week Attendance: Worship = 100

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	3,340	CLC:	310			
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-2,060	CLC:	-1130			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	169,505	CLC:	53,022			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	162,000	CLC:	43,200			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	7505	CLC:	9822			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	25	Sanctuary:	700
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	-	Kinship:	140	EduK8:	50
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	-	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	9,388	Sanctuary:	21,784		

Serving Us † Today

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

<i>Organist:</i> Steve Kuehne	<i>Church Cleaners:</i> K & S Hulke
<i>Usher Team 1:</i> Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter	<i>Counting Team 2:</i> Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever

Serving Us † Next Sunday

<i>Organist:</i> Jan Davis	<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 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

Today	10:15am	Hospitality – Welcome to our VBS visitors!
Sun. 8/9	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:15am	Church Board Meetings
	11:00am	Church Council Meeting
Mon. 8/17	7:00pm	Ice Cream Social – Grace School
Sun. 8/23	10:15am	Inaugural Outreach 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

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 and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

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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