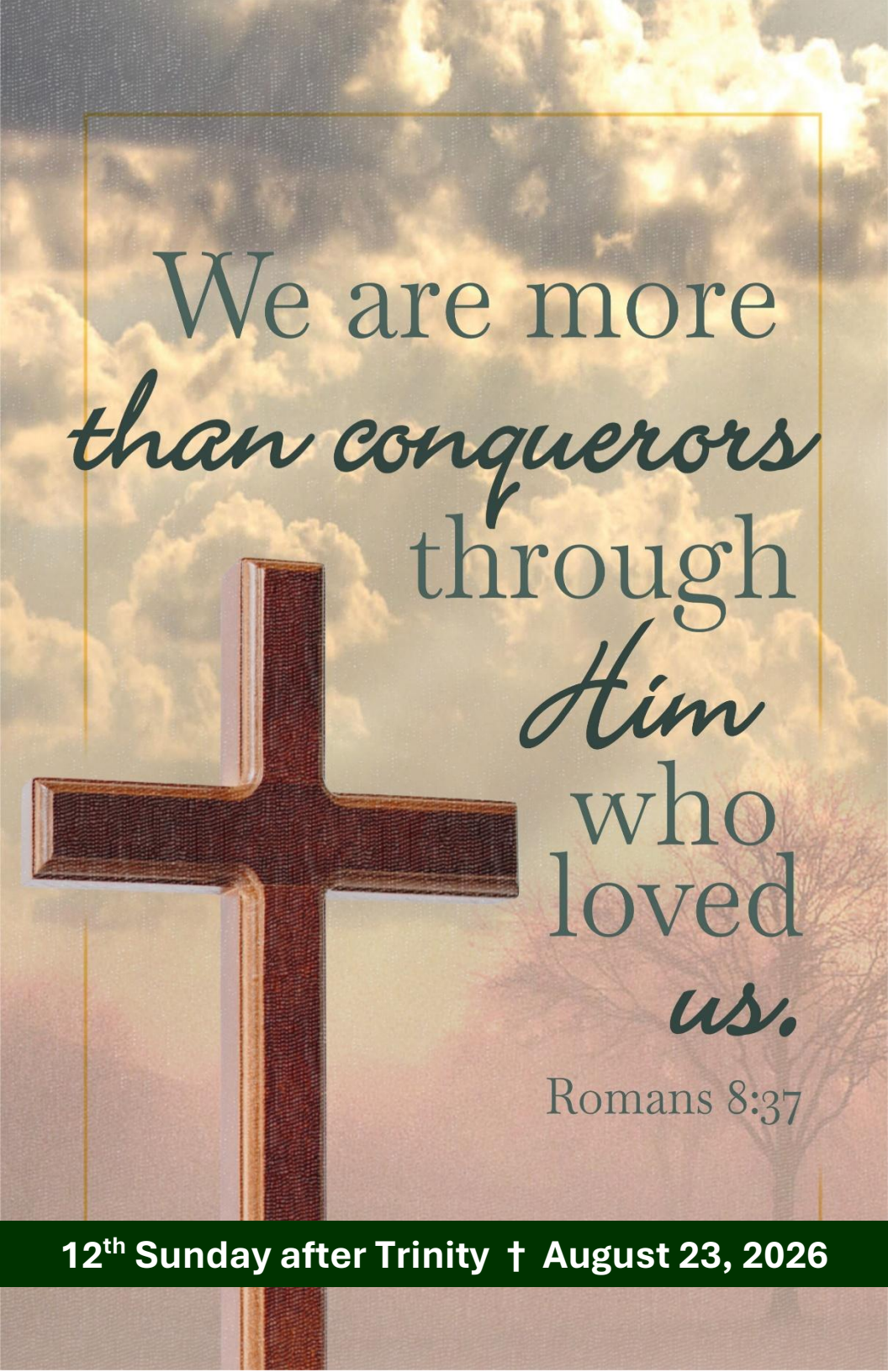




We are more
than conquerors
through
Him
who
loved
us.

Romans 8:37

12th Sunday after Trinity † August 23, 2026

THE OPENING

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

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn LSB 656 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our 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.**

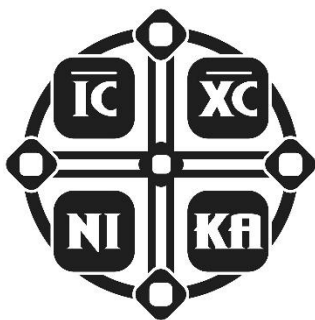
**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

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: *Isaiah 51:1-6*

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³ For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 138*

- P** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- C** I bow down toward your holy temple and give
thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all
things your name and your word.
- P** On the day I called, you answered me; my strength
of soul you increased.
- C** All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for
they have heard the words of your mouth,
- P** And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory
of the LORD.
- C** For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the
haughty he knows from afar.
- P** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you
stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your
right hand delivers me.
- C** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O
LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.



Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

 **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.

**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 645 *Built on the Rock*

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: *Romans 8:33-39*

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THEME: IN CHRIST WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS

I. Christ more than conquered our sin.

II. Christ more than conquered our suffering and sorrow.

1. *Of what does Paul want us to be convinced? (v.33-34)*
2. *Who are the defendants in God's heavenly courtroom?*
3. *Who intercedes for us and on what basis?*
4. *With Christ's "NOT GUILTY" verdict upon us, what should we do when the devil or our conscience try to accuse us?*
5. *Even with our sin conquered, why do we still sometimes feel like "sheep to be slaughtered"? (v.36)*
6. *What does our text reveal about appearances vs. reality? (aka sight vs. faith).*
7. *Why MORE than conquerors? Why not just conquerors?*

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 724:1-2,4-5,8-9 *If God Himself Be for Me*

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 Benediction

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

☩ 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 LSB 465:3 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

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

Outreach Committee Meeting: Today at 10:15am we are holding our first outreach committee meeting. Eli Wales has been appointed as committee chairman. All communicant members are welcome to attend. The purpose of this meeting will be to organize, define the committee's work, and brainstorm a list of ideas and goals. Please join us as we seek to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in our community!

Grace School Photos Requested: The 50th Anniversary Committee is searching for photos featuring past school events/activities/students to be used in the anniversary slideshow. Please add them to the Google Album shared in yesterday's church email. The Anniversary Committee thanks you!

New School Support Group: A new group (tentatively named BRIDGE) is being organized to help with planning school activities and providing appreciation and support for the teachers. School parents and church members are encouraged to join! More information is available in the handout by the guest book. 1st meeting is tomorrow, August 24 at 5pm.

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.

Funeral Worksheets are available by the guest book. It is helpful for Pastor to have some advance direction for future funeral services in the event that Jesus calls you home to heaven. Please consider completing a funeral worksheet with your bio info, Scripture/hymn suggestions, memorial preferences, etc. Please turn in your worksheet to Pastor to keep on file.

Member Visits Continue: To become acquainted with the membership, 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!

CLC Women's Retreat West is Sept. 18-20 at Arrowhead Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma, SD. Cost is \$140 (lodging not included). Register at tinyurl.com/WR-West2026. Interested in carpooling? Talk to Ashley N.

CLC Man Up! Weekend is Sept. 24-27 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. Cost is \$75 (lodging and food included). Cost increases to \$150 after August 31. Register at www.manup.clclutheran.org.

CLC Call News: Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI.

Serving Us † Today

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

<i>Organist:</i> Sue Nelson	<i>Church Cleaners:</i> K & S Hulke
<i>Usher Team 2:</i> Jeremiah Boe; Lucas Boe; Larry Brandt; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow	<i>Counting Team 1:</i> Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel; Dave Rust

Serving Us † Next Sunday

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

Upcoming † Calendar

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

Today	10:15am	Outreach Committee Meeting
Mon. 8/24	5:00pm	BRIDGE Meeting (see above announcement)
Wed. 8/26	7:00pm	Budget Committee Meeting
Sun. 8/30	9:00am	Sunday Worship Service
	10:15am	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Mon. 8/31	8:00am	Opening Service for 1 st Day of School at Grace
Sun. 9/13	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
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 = 93

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	4,244	CLC:	1,445	QR Code for Online Giving: 		
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-1,156	CLC:	5			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	179,825	CLC:	56,107			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	178,200	CLC:	47,520			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	1625	CLC:	8587			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	25	Sanctuary:	275
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	-	Kinship:	440	EduK8:	-
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	50	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	9,538	Sanctuary:	22,059		