# UNFAIR LOVE: "Unfair Grace"

Matthew 19:28-20:16

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### **We Enter God's Presence**

Preparing for Worship Call to Worship

Opening Song: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Song of Praise: "Living Hope"

Confession and Assurance

Song of Assurance: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Intercessory Prayer: Dick Ritzema Offering received for: 1) General Fund

2) Benevolent Fund

### We Hear God's Word

Children's Message: Beth Sumner

Song of Application: "Amazing Grace"

Scripture: Matthew 19:28-20:16

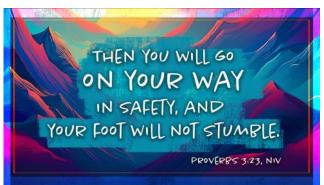
Message: Unfair Love: "Unfair Grace"

Prayer of Application

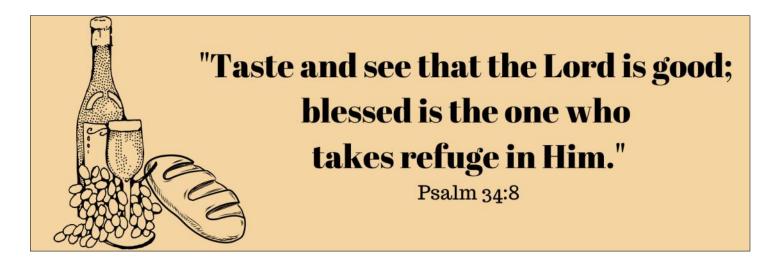
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### We Depart with God's Blessing

God's Parting Blessing Parting Song: "We Receive Your Blessing"



# <u>Sermon Notes</u>



This morning as we gather for worship, we do so as people who take refuge in the Lord. He is our hope. May you taste and see that he is, indeed, good. Welcome to our worship of the living, Triune God!

Pastor Brad begins his series on God's Annoying Love." Today we will be learning about "Unfair Grace" based on Matthew 19:28-20:16. This morning we also come to the table for the Lord's Supper- a literal seeing and tasting of the goodness of the Lord. We welcome to participate all those who acknowledge their sins, believe in Jesus Christ to forgive them, and desire to serve him as Lord of their lives. May God, by his Holy Spirit, fill you with his gracious presence.

The Council is preparing a list of nominees to serve as elders and deacons for a 3-year terms. If you would like to submit names, please have them to the church office or Jeff Hanenburg by **TODAY**, August 10. The outgoing council members are: Julee Moorlag, Byron Byker, Doug Brink, Ian Thompson, Ryan Manke, and Sam Fradette. Those who have served in an office in the last three years and spouses of current council members are not eligible for nomination. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Jeff Hanenburg. Thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration.

There will be no **Little Lambs** and **Worship Center** during the month of August.

# Our Church Family

We wish a very happy birthday to **John Kok**, celebrating 95 years on Tuesday, August 12.

Please be in prayer for **Ray & Sadie Tellinghuisen**, as Ray is being treated for a severe infection in his foot. He was released from the Willmar Hospital on Wednesday to go into a nursing care facility to continue healing.

Continue to pray for **Kelli Snell**, who had surgery this past Friday to remove cancer from her jaw.



**Education for All** (World Renew)- Lift up children in vulnerable communities who lack access to education and whose daily journey to school can be long and dangerous. Ask God to bless students with perseverance as they study. Pray also for success in our efforts to support schools and train teachers in places where education provides a way out of poverty. Taken from the August 2025 Prayer Guide: <a href="mailto:crcna.org/pray">crcna.org/pray</a>.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip- Psalm 19 exclaims, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (v. 1, NIV). Throughout your week make a point to observe the sky - whether the storm-filled, clear and sunny, brilliantly blue with fluffy clouds, or full stars. How does observing creation remind you of God's glory and good works? Brought to you by Thrive: <a href="mailto:crena.org/Thrive">crena.org/Thrive</a>.

# Calendar for the Week

Sunday, August 10

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

Monday, August 11

6:00p.m. Elders and Deacons Meet

7:00 p.m. Full Council Meets

Thursday, August 14

3:30p.m. Education Team Meeting

# Advance Notice

>Coffee in the Fireside Room: Wednesday, August 20.

## Community Announcements

**Milaca Arts Center** is hosting a free open house on Thursday, August 14 from 5-7pm. Stop in and check out what they do at the MAC. Everyone is welcome! Enjoy local food, art by Jim Larson, music by Heartstrings, and learn more about the Milaca Arts Center. More info can be found on the bulletin boards.

**Rum River Life Choices Center** will be holding a Fall Picnic Fundraiser on Saturday, September 13 from 4-7pm at the Milaca Rec. Park. Come and support this pro-life organization. There will be food trucks, live music, kid's activities, and both live and silent auctions. Freewill donation. Reservations can be made online at <a href="mailto:rumriverforlife.org/event">rumriverforlife.org/event</a> or by calling 320-983-3771 by August 30.

The second offerings through August will be received as follows: 8/10- Benevolent Fund

8/17- Partners in Education (CCS)

8/24- Youth Snack Packing

8/31- 125 Campaign

### Opportunities To Serve

Sound Board Today, August 10: Ryan Swanson

Next Sunday, August 17: Tom Patten

Media Today, August 10: Linda Droogsma Next Sunday, August 17: Stacy Patten

Livestream Today, August 10: Damian Patnode

Next Sunday, August 17: Bob Sumner

**Greeters Today, August 10:** 

**East Door**: Dianne Christensen West Door: Harly & Pauline Pap

Next Sunday, August 17:

**East Door:** Twila & Donna Hastings West Door: Pete & Betty De Boer

<u>Ushers Today, August 10:</u>

East: Morris Droogsma Center: Greg Brink

West: Den Kiel
Next Sunday, August 17:

East: Mitch & Edie Kuperus Center: John & Carol Teeler

West: George Droogsma

Nursery Today, August 10:

**Leaders:** Tony Van't Hof, Sharon Hanenburg **Helpers:** Kendell Ash, Sharon Hanenburg

Next Sunday, August 17:

**Leaders:** Julie Jaunich, Nicole Hoffman **Helpers:** Wilfred Bekius, Maddie Pipkin

**Children's Church Today, August 3:** 

Little Lambs: No Class- Summer Vacation
Worship Center: No Class- Summer Vacation
Sunday School: No Class- Summer Vacation

Children's Church Next Sunday, August 10:

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### 2025 Administrative Team

**Elders**: Jeff Hanenburg—President

Tom Patten—Vice President

Doug Brink—Clerk

**Deacons**: Ryan Manke—President

Joelle Hjort—Vice President

Keith Cook—Secretary

### **2025 Shepherding Teams**

Red: Sam Pearson, Char De Kraker, Hope Vermeer Yellow: George Droogsma, Dylan Ash, Cindy Hemmerich Purple: Dick Ritzema, Curt Hanenburg, Char Burklund Orange: Phil Van De Riet, Sam Fradette, Sharry Kragt Blue: Byron Byker, John Teeler, Shirley Geurkink Green: Julee Moorlag, Ian Thompson, Kris Kiel



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