

UNFAIR LOVE:
"Annoying Love"

Luke 15:11-32

Christian Reformed Church of Pease
August 17, 2025 - 9:30 A.M
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We Enter God's Presence

Preparing for Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Song: *"I Know a Name"*

God's Greeting & Our Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise: *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Confession and Assurance

Song of Assurance: *"Lord, I Need You"*

Intercessory Prayer: Julee Moorlag

Offering received for: 1) General Fund

2) Partners in Education (CCS)

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message: Nicole Hoffman

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Message: **Unfair Love: "Annoying Love"**

Prayer of Application

Song of Application: *"Amazing Love (You are My King)"*

We Depart with God's Blessing

God's Parting Blessing

Parting Song: *"Benediction (May the Peace of God)"*



Sermon Notes

*My feet stand on level ground:
in the great congregation I will praise the Lord*

Psalm 26:12



This morning we gather on the “level ground” of the grace of God in Jesus Christ. We hope you will be blessed as we praise him together and celebrate his goodness. Welcome to worship!

This morning Pastor Brad continues his series on God’s Unfair Love. Today we will be learning about “Annoying Love” based on Luke 15:11-32.

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

Thrive Faith Formation Tip: In his book Just Mercy, Bryan Stevenson writes, “The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We are all implicated when we allow other people to be mistreated.” These words speak directly to the heart of Micah 6:8. As you go through this week, focus on aligning your actions with those of the one who seeks justice in all spaces. Note down your observations at the end of the week, and consider what your daily practice can become moving forward. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive.

The **Biermas** are all moved and getting settled in! Please update your current directory with their contact information:

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Our Church Family

We wish a very happy birthday to **Ed Hanenburg**, celebrating his 86th birthday today, August 17!

We wish a very happy anniversary to:

- >**Duane & Delores Bekius**, celebrating 63 years today, August 17.
- >**Steve & Anita Hubers**, celebrating 52 years tomorrow, August 18.
- >**Bud & Vonda Terpstra**, celebrating 66 years on August 21.

We extend our sympathy to **Trevor, Julie**, and **Zeke Jaunich** in the passing of baby **Miles David** at 21 weeks. A private family service is being planned. Please keep them in your prayers in the days ahead.

Please be in prayer for **Marlin Ege**, as he is currently in Milaca Elim Home following a recent stay at Fairview Southdale. He is experiencing severe back pain, and his medical team is having a difficult time keeping him comfortable.

Your prayers are requested for **Morgan Biniek**, who broke her leg and ankle in three places last Saturday evening. She had surgery to repair it this past Thursday, and will be unable to bear weight on her leg for some time.

Please remember **Tony Van't Hof** in your prayers as he prepares for surgery on his jaw August 19 at North Memorial.

The second offerings through August will be received as follows:

8/24: Youth Snack Packing

8/31: 125 Campaign

The deacons gratefully acknowledge the following July receipts:

Community Christian School: \$964.00

Perrin Werner/Japan Missionary: \$1,085.00

125 Campaign: \$1,056.00

Youth Group: \$1,067.00

General Fund: \$24,710.70

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, August 17

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 a.m.

Coffee in the Fireside Room

Advance Notice

Sunday, August 24: Youth Group End-of-Summer Bonfire



Community Announcements

Join the Hot Lunch Crew at CCS! The Hot Lunch program at Community Christian School utilizes an amazing crew of volunteers who collect lunch from Milaca, prepare the kitchen and lunchroom, serve lunch, wash trays and silverware, and serve as God's hands and feet in a much needed capacity. Our volunteers tell us that their time serving is a bright spot in their month-seeing smiling faces and hearing grateful 'thank-yous' is definitely a highlight! We need 3 volunteers EACH day to provide this service to our families. Are you available to volunteer once a month for 2 hours on the Hot Lunch Crew? Call Anne Mundt, Hot Lunch Coordinator, at 320-369-4239 or email amundt@ccspease.com for more information!

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 rumriverforlife.org/event or by calling 320-983-3771 by August 30.

Opportunities To Serve

Sound Board Today, August 17: Tom Patten

Next Sunday, August 24: Bernie Boldt

Media Today, August 17: Stacy Patten

Next Sunday, August 24: Linda Droogsma

Livestream Today, August 17: Bob Sumner

Next Sunday, August 24: Dylan Moorlag

Greeters Today, August 17:

East Door: Twila & Donna Hastings

Next Sunday, August 24:

East Door: John & Barb Goslinga

West Door: Pete & Betty De Boer

West Door: Den & Jayne Kiel

Ushers Today, August 17:

East: Mitch & Edie Kuperus

West: George Droogsma

Next Sunday, August 24:

East: Carl Veurink

West: Laura Broberg

Center: John & Carol Teeler

Center: Harly Pap

Nursery Today, August 17:

Leaders: Tony Van't Hof, Nicole Hoffman

Helpers: Wilfred Bekius, Maddie Pipkin

Next Sunday, August 24:

Leaders: Katie Moorlag, Carrie Luckhurst

Helpers: Annika Kiel, Amelia Schluender

Children's Church Today, August 17:

Little Lambs: *No Class- Summer Vacation*

Worship Center: *No Class- Summer Vacation*

Sunday School: *No Class- Summer Vacation*

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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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