

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 17, 2018
9:00 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

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Gathering Hymn

'Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty'

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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

please be seated

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 92:1-4*)

A It is good to praise the Lord

C **and make music to your name, O Most High,**

A proclaiming your love in the morning.

C **and your faithfulness at night,**

A to the music of the ten-stringed lyre,

C **and the melody of the harp.**

A For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord;

C **I sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make

it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the

kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast' **516**

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

Peace

The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

'For the Fruit of All Creation' vs 1

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Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion, this morning, will be by intinction. The ushers will direct you to the front, first the pulpit side and then lectern side. Come up using the center aisle and return by the side aisle. Wine will be in the larger portion and grape juice in the smaller portion of the chalice. Gluten free wafers available by request. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God'

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'God, Whose Firm Is All Creation' (Tune 696)

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'As Rain from the Clouds'

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Jesus Christ, host of this meal,

C you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen

Blessing

Sending Hymn

'On What Has Now Been Sown'

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Worship Assistants: June 17

Greeters: Mason –Lindsey Wilharms
East – Millie & Joe Wilharms

Assisting Minister: Mandie Klauer

Lector: Brian Klauer

Communion: Gene Krull

Ushers: Marty Grow, Laury Grow, Brian Klauer,
Kathy Lanska

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 06/10/18: 9:00 - 58

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Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.

There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.

*If you are looking for a church home,
you are welcome here.*

We are still looking for a **Board of Property chairperson**. This is an immediate need. Please prayerfully consider and let Pastor Dan know.

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Marie Mueller and Marv Wrege.

For Healing Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Lloyd Learman; Donny Kassube; Carol Baumbach.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Marian Breitenfeldt; Drew Gilbert; Kenny Verdegan.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.

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Announcements

Please don't forget to **sign the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

HONEY DO LIST Did you see something that needs to be fixed? There is a sheet on the table in the narthex that you can add your suggestion to. Thanks to everyone for the upkeep of our church. It is **VERY** important that if you are planning on working on a project that Pastor Dan and/or the office is aware of what is being worked on. Pastor Dan is keeping a list of things being worked on for planning purposes. If you can give him or the office, something in writing, it is easier to get it added to the list.

Ruby's Pantry is a faith based organization that is for everyone who eats. It is not government funded. You can receive one portion (this equals 2 laundry baskets full of food) for every \$20.00 spent and you can get more than one portion, just bring extra baskets for your food. There is some information available on the **table in the narthex**. Even if you don't need everything they offer, it can be shared with people who can use it like our Faith In Action bags.

There is a sheet on the table in the narthex to sign up to bring **treats for fellowship** after the service. Can you help? Sign up today.

3rd quarter Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home devotional books are available on the table in the narthex. **Pick yours up today!!**

Worship and Church Picnic August 19th – Save the date! Accordionist Karen Krull will provide special music at 9:00 a.m. worship. Then we will have a picnic with music by Chuck Kruckeberg. More info to follow as available.



As a community service, Wichmann-Fargo Funeral Homes & Crematories will be conducting a complimentary Pizza & Planning educational program on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 11:00am at *Wichmann-Fargo Funeral Homes & Crematory, 537 N. Superior Street, Appleton, WI*. This program will explain the emotional and financial benefits of advance **funeral planning** followed by informal questions, answers and a complimentary pizza lunch. Seat reservations should be made by calling Wichmann-Fargo Funeral Homes & Crematories at 920.297.2742. There is a flyer on the table in the narthex.

There are copies of the **2017 Annual Report** and minutes from the last meeting that was presented last week at the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting in the rack on the **table in the narthex**. At the meeting, Mark Balkman was approved as the chairman of the Board of Finance.

Lunch & Story Adventures



July 31 - August 30, 2018

Tuesdays & Thursdays

11AM - 1PM

Grace Lutheran Church

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME THROUGH AGE 17

To Register

Email Office@trinityappleton.com



FREE LUNCH WITH STORY ADVENTURES

We will soon have a banner for the **Lunch and Story Adventures** on the chain link fence. They are working on a listing of all the wonderful things volunteers can do to help. Making lunches, baking items, reading to the children to just name a few. We will keep you posted as details are finalized.

Watch for more information on the **Blessing's Box for food and books** coming up in the future.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, June 17**..... 9:00 a.m. Worship
- Monday, June 18**..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday, June 19**..... 10:30 a.m. W & M Mtg
12:30 pm to 1:00 pm Summer School Bible Club
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
- Wednesday, June 20**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Council
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, June 21**.....
- Friday, June 22**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, June 23**..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
6:30 p.m. Potter's House Worship
- Sunday, June 24** 9:00 a.m. Worship

