

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2019

9:00 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Prayer of Confession

P Let us pray

C we are running so fast, God, and we don't know how to slow down. We keep our calendars filled. We carry our phones everywhere. We constantly check our voice mail, our e-mail and stay connected by the Internet. We are busy and yet not satisfied. We are moving faster, but we never catch up.

Speak to us once again your message of peace, of walking beside still waters, of refreshing our souls, of lying down in meadows of green. Speak to us again of your care for the birds of the air and the children at play. Speak to our anxious hearts and spinning minds that think if we are not doing, then there is no being. Restore our balance, lighten our load, and make holy our rest. In Jesus' name. Amen

stand as you are able

Gathering Hymn

'Dearest Jesus, at Your Word'

520

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

A God is always seeking and teaching us.

C Open our minds to the truth of God's care.

A Open our hearts to the gentle caress of God's love.

C Open our lips to share stories of faith.

A Open our hands to create beauty, do justice and show kindness.

C Open our souls to the breath of the Spirit.

A Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly

C and give praise to God's name.

Hymns of Praise

'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God' vs 1 & 4 **504**

'The Church's One Foundation' vs 1 & 5 **654**

'Beautiful Savior' vs 1, 2 & 4 **838**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men

standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace

through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

p. 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 'Be Thou My Vision' **793**

Creed (*sung to tune #742*)

**C I believe in God the Father,
creator of the earth and sky;
and God's only Son, Christ Jesus,
who responded to our cry.
Made true man by God the Spirit,
he was born of Mary pure.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
all the ills of ours to cure.
Crucified, he died, was buried,
with the dead he found his place.
But he rose again in power,
on the morn of Easter day.
Now gone back once more to heaven,
he reigns on his Father's right**

**till to judge the dead and living,
he shall come in glory bright.**

**I believe in God the Spirit,
in one church here and beyond,
joining all the saints together,
in one fellowship and bond.**

**I believe in God's forgiveness,
I believe that I shall rise,
and I look for life unending,
in my home in paradise.**

stand as you are able

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

Lord's Prayer

p. 145

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

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

'Take My Life, That I May Be'

vs 1-3

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Offering Prayer

A God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Sending Hymn

'My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less'

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle



Worship Assistants: July 21

Greeters: Mason – Verla Koerner/Susan Anderson
East – Mary Boldt

Assisting Minister: Mandie Klauer

Lector: Cheryl Muggenthaler

Ushers: Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce Learman

Organist: Diane Bailey

Presiding Officiant: Tom Jensen

Attendance 07/14/19: 9:00 - 70

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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.

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Pastor Jim Seim.

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; Mike VerKuilen; Lloyd Learman; Charlotte Endorf; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev; Jim Marks; Darlene, Linda Grebe's mom; Judy Cross; Debra Ragen; Tom Muggenthaler; Gene Krull; Ron Bailey; Angela; Ole Olson; Gerry Kerwell; Joyce; Heather Mackesy.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Karen Krull; Louie Dumke.

“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

Thank you for **signing the card** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

Check out the **Grace Web Site**

www.gracelutheranappleton.org for updated information about our congregation. We also have a new feature – Daily Devotions. Every day a new devotion is on our website. Check them out!

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. You normally get pizza, frozen food, canned goods, meats, bread and other assorted items (could be toilet paper or napkins, etc). In the Appleton area Ruby's is located at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at N1615 Meadowview Drive in Greenville WI 54942. They distribute food the first Saturday of the month. 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 or our **Blessing Box** for nonperishable items.

You are cordially invited to join the Mareez ...

Mary Boldt, Grace Lutheran Church-Appleton, and Mary Lindsley, Christ the King, Combined Locks, on an adventure to the Holy Land, March 19-30, 2020. Visit Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Walk where Jesus walked. There are still openings.

If you are interested in joining the Holy Land Trip, there are brochures available and contact: Mary Boldt at 920.739.1104

Summer office hours:

The church building will be open from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm Monday thru Thursday subject to change. Normal office hours Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 am -2:00 pm. It is probably best to call ahead.

Devotional Books

The 3rd quarter 2019 Devotional Books are here and on the table in the narthex. Please pick them up and enjoy. If you visit a homebound individual, please take one or all to them as well.

Flowers in Church

The Altar Guild has a Flower Chart by the Nursery door near the East stairway in the narthex for those who may want to donate an arrangement of live flowers for worship on any Sunday. Please put your name next to the date you would like and contact Karen Krull, 739-3880 or Diane Bailey, 734-9076 to get the details. You may want to recognize a special birthday or anniversary coming up or just order them for any Sunday.

Summer Giving

If you are not able to join us on Sunday mornings for worship during the summer, please remember as Grace Lutheran Church we still need to pay the bills. You can direct your bank, online (Pay Pal or Direct Banking) to send your payments, even if you aren't here. When you register, please list your envelope number as your account number so the counters can record your giving accurately. You can always send it in the mail also. Thank you for helping our church meet our obligations.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, July 21** 9:00 a.m. Worship
- Monday, July 22**7:30 pm AA Meeting
- Tuesday, July 23**
- Wednesday, July 24** 9:00 am Bible Study
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 pm Worship
- Thursday, July 25**
- Friday, July 26** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 pm Seidl/Iversen Rehearsal
- Saturday, July 27**9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
2:00 pm Seidl/Iversen Wedding
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship
- Sunday, July 28** 9:00 a.m. Worship

OTHER THINGS
MAY CHANGE,
BUT WE START
AND END WITH

Family

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