

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 2018

9:00 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † forgiving God,
the maker of wheat and water, the bread of life
coming down from heaven, the yeast at work
within us and this world.

C **Amen**

silence for reflection and self-examination

P Loving and gracious God,

C **we need your grace. We ask your forgiveness for acting out of fear rather than faith. We confess that we often settle for filling our lives with things that do not satisfy or endure. We find ourselves empty, anxious, and hungry. And so we come to you. We come having heard whispers of bread of life. We come hoping the promises of never hungering again are true. We come to you to be fed. Nourish us with your grace. Empower us for your service. In the name of Jesus, who is life's bread, feed our repentant souls and help us to see you in the faces of those who need.**

P It is because God loves you, that I can announce to you in Jesus' name, the complete and total forgiveness of your sins. Jesus' presence is your daily bread. Live today, as the Holy Spirit leads you. Remember that you do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'O Day of Rest and Gladness'

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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

A Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

C Jesus is the living bread!

A Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

C Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

A Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

C Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need

with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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. John, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 6:24-35

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread

always.”³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ‘What Feast of Love’ **487**

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Apostles’ Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord in your mercy.

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Peace

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

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory ‘Break Now the Bread of Life’ vs 3 **515**

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

Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. 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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'I Am the Bread of Life'

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'At the Lamb's High Feast'

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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

'Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer'

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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: August 5

Greeters: Mason –Ed & Gerry Kerwell
East – Gary & Phyllis Schroeder

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

Ushers: Joe Wilharms, Mike Keeney, Phillip Keeney

Attendance 07/29/18: 9:00 – 60

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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 and Rose Zinck.

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; Charlotte Endorf; Ron Bailey.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Marian Breitenfeldt; Kenny Verdegan; Carol Baumbach, Dottie Frankie; Ryan Olson.

“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 cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

Life Line Screenings are being held Aug 22nd at St Bernard Parish in Appleton. There are flyers on the table in the narthex on how to register.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes: Volunteers always appreciated: If you like to visit with people, work in the yard, help with property projects, help in the kitchen, bake once in a while, drive people to appointments, play games... Call 734-7225; ask for Becky, Katie or Cheryl, and we'll find the perfect spot for you to help make a difference at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

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. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex for items to be brought by the congregation. Please help out. Please bring your own lawn chairs if you have them.

The **Grilled Cheesers** are starting up again, Thursday Sept 6. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen or baking brownies, please let Sue Prignitz know (cell 284-2074).

The **Lunch and Story Adventures** is continuing through August 30, every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 to 1:00. Please keep these adventures in your prayers. Children can come and go week to week. If you have children visiting, bring them!!

We will be returning to the fall schedule Sunday September 9th with services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:25 a.m. Please put it on your calendar.

If you or a family member are **hospitalized**, please give Pastor Dan a call and let him know. We don't always get a call from the hospital to let the church know.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes: Apartments for rent: 1 BR & 2 BR; Call Becky at 734-7225.

Coming this fall....

Second Sunday Congregation Conversations

To: Deepen our faith

Help us figure out where & how God
is calling

us to serve today

Strengthen our congregation for
mission

Begins the second Sunday of September

Takes place between worship services

Coffee & goodies provided

Look for more information later this summer

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, August 5**..... 9:00 a.m. Worship
- Monday, August 6**7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday, August 7**6:00 p.m. Bd of Ed Mtg
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
11:00 am to 1:00 pm Lunch & Story Adventures
- Wednesday, August 8**9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, August 9**10am -1:00pm Salvation Army
11:00 am to 1:00 pm Lunch & Story Adventures
- Friday, August 10**9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, August 11**9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship
- Sunday, August 12** 9:00 a.m. Worship

