

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

9:00 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Special Music

Luett Grandchildren

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen

P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

silence for reflection and self-examination

P God of mercy,

C we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us † all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun'

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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 Out of the blue God comes to us.

C In the midst of turmoil Jesus walks toward us.

A As darkness closes in the Spirit lights a way for us.

C Out of the blue Jesus comes through.

A When times are tough God can be enough.

C As questions arise the Spirit is wise.

A Let us raise our voices in song;

C May our praise be loud and strong.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my

house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people

who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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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 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief

was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Have No Fear, Little Flock'

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Apostles' Creed

p. 105

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

C Amen

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

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

'Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful'

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Offering Prayer

A Blessed are you, O God,

C for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the

**body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

p. 145

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'

p. 146

'Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me'

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'Amazing Grace'

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A O God, in this holy communion

C you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a

**willing spirit, and honor the earth you
have made; through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Blessing

P Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen

Sending Hymn 'Lord, of All Hopefulness' **765**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle



You are invited to a **concert at 1:30 pm today** here at Grace in the sanctuary. Come and hear the Lutt grandchildren do their song and dance from their week spent with Grandpa and Grandma. All are invited!!

Worship Assistants: Aug 11

Greeters: Mason – Millie & Joe Wilharms
East – Karen Miller

Assisting Minister: Deb Baumbach

Lector: Robbie Johnson

Communion: Ron Bailey

Ushers: Joe Wilharms, Carol Patrick, Judy Mc Carty,
Linda Grebe

Pianist: Lois Hilger

Attendance 08/04/19: 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.*

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Ellen Holz.

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; Ole Olson; Gerry Kerwell; Joyce; Heather Mackesy; Jackie Lindmair; Ken and Edna; Paula.

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

“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!

Today is the day to sign up for the **Pig Roast Sept 8th**! The church will be providing “The pig”, BBQ sauces, buns, bottled water with flavor packets, plates and utensils. We are asking the congregation to bring all side dishes and desserts. If you have access to the internet and you search under Pig Roast Side Dishes, there are multiple suggestions available and a good way to use the harvest from your gardens. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex starting August 11th. Please sign up with your name and what dish you are bringing so everyone can bring different dishes. We know we aren’t very good at signing up but hope you understand how important it is. Due to the expense of the pig (even though we are getting a good deal), we will be asking for a freewill offering to help cover the cost of the pig. If you have any question please contact Robbie Johnson or Carey Mackesy. Thank you. See the August Newsletter for additional details.

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.

Church Directory

The updated church directory is available today on a table in the narthex. Please take yours today! If you are one of the individuals who visit with a shut in, please take one for them also. If you ever change any of your information, please let the office know.

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 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.

Pillars is currently in need of the following items:

Pillows, Laundry baskets, Dryer sheets, 55 gallon garbage bags, Paper towel, Breakfast cereal
Items may be dropped off at Pillars Adult & Family Shelter located at 400 N Division Street in Appleton. Pillars Adult & Family Shelter is open 24/7.

Thank you for your support!

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Aug 11 9:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Monday, Aug 127:30 pm AA Meeting
6:30 pm Joy Circle

Tuesday, Aug 1310:30 am W&M Mtg
6:00 pm Brd of Ed Mtg

Wednesday, Aug 14 9:00 am Bible Study
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 pm Worship

Thursday, Aug 15

Friday, Aug 16 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Aug 179:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Aug 18 9:00 a.m. Worship
music by Karen Krull Accordion & Mark Krull Box Drum
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

The *Will of God*
will never
take you where the
Grace of God will not
protect you.

