

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 26, 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 hungering. 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 'For the Beauty of the Earth' 879

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 Jesus is the bread of life.

C Whoever comes to Jesus will no longer be hungry.

A Jesus gives us living water.

C Whoever believes in Christ will no longer be thirsty.

A Let us renew our faith in Christ, that the soul might be filled.

C Come, let us approach God with hopeful hearts.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you,

through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the

devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L The Word of the Lord.

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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 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 'O Jesus, I Have Promised' **810**

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

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'	p. 154
'O Bread of Life from Heaven'	480
'Blessed Assurance'	638

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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 Our Way Rejoicing' **537**

Dismissal

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

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Blessing of the Book Nook

Prayer Huddle

(In the area by the Book Nook)

Worship Assistants: August 26

Greeters: Mason –Ron Bailey
East – Mary & Tom Jensen

Assisting Minister: Ron Williams

Lector: Cheryl Muggenthaler

Communion: Marty Grow

Ushers: Joe Wilharms, Volunteers

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 08/19/18: 9:00 – 82

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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 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; Charlotte Endorf; Ron Bailey; Kay Elliott; James DeBaal; Bernie Hobbs.

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.

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

A HUGE THANK YOU to Karen and Mark Krull for music for the church service and to Chuck Kruckeberg for the outdoor entertainment for the **church picnic**. Thank you to all who brought food, helped prep, helped set up tables and chairs and helped take them back after the picnic. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the time and fellowship with our church neighbors. A wonderful time was had by all!!!

The **Grilled Cheesers** are starting up again, Thursday Sept 6. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen or baking brownies at home and bringing them in, please let Sue Pringnitz 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. Registration forms for **Sunday School** are on the table in the narthex.

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.

Blessing Box is going great! Items are being taken and items are arriving. Every day when I come here items have been both taken and left. Of course Mac N Cheese and Spaghetti O's are a huge hit! Thank you everyone for your support of this new ministry. Personal items are also being taken as there is a need for them as well.

Book Nook will be dedicated at the end of the worship service **TODAY**. We have many books to start it off. If you have children or adult books you no longer need, please bring them and remember you are more than welcome to take a book. The book nook also has a light inside at night.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes: Look for our poster about the Vacation – Sports – Quilt Auction! Tell your friends and family! Bring them to it. Help us put a new roof over the heads of our tenants!

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, August 26**..... 9:00 a.m. Worship
Blessing of The Book Nook
- Monday, August 27**.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday, August 28**6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
11:00 am to 1:00 pm Lunch & Story Adventures
- Wednesday, August 29**9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, August 30**.....
11:00 am to 1:00 pm Lunch & Story Adventures
- Friday, August 31**9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, September 1**9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter’s House Worship
- Sunday, September 2**..... 9:00 a.m. Worship

