

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 2018
9:00 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

'Lord Jesus, Think on Me'

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P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen

stand as you are able

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 God gives us one day at a time:

C long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

- A deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together;
- C time enough to help someone in need;**
- A plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;
- C sufficient time to build a bridge of forgiveness or tear down a wall of resentment;**
- A the right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with children, sing praise to God.
- C Praise God for this day we are given.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray
O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is

whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts,

their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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 7th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and

understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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**

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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 Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C **Amen**

Peace

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

please be seated

Offering

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Offering Prayer

A God of life,

**C you give us these gifts of the earth,
 theses resources of our life and our labor.
 Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
 and use them to set a table that will heal
 the whole creation; through Jesus Christ,
 our Savior and Light. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving pp. 152-153

Lord's Prayer p. 154

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
challis. 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'	p. 154
'Oh, That the Lord Would Guide'	772
'O God, My Faithful God'	806

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Holy and compassionate God,

C in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen

Blessing

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

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

*******JUST A REMINDER*******

Next Sunday September 9th we start our fall worship schedule with services at 8:30 am and 10:30 am and have Sunday School at 9:25 am.

Next Sunday September 9th we start our Second Sunday Congregation Conversations at 9:30 am. We will meet in the narthex for an introduction and explanation on what we hope to accomplish. **Please come and explore this opportunity.**

Worship Assistants: September 2

Greeters: Mason –Ralph Sievert
East – Bonne Elias Planner

Assisting Minister: Becky Luett

Lector: Ron Williams

Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

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Attendance 08/26/18: 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 Gladys Prah and James DeBraal.

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 DeBraal; 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

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).

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. The children will hold the opening in the old youth room across the hall from previous room. The youngest will also have class in there.

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 was dedicated. 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! There is a poster on the bulletin board by the parking lot entrance.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, September 2**..... 9:00 a.m. Worship
- Monday, September 3**..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday, September 4**..... 8:30 am Quilting
- Wednesday, September 5**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, September 6**.....10:00 am Grilled Cheese
- Friday, September 7**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, September 8**9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship
- Sunday, September 9**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
9:30 am Second Sunday Congregation Conversation
10:30 am Worship

*Happy Labor
Day!!*

