

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019
9:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

C Amen

P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

silence for reflection and self-examination

P God our helper,

C we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn 'Earth and All Stars!' **731**

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

Hymn of Praise

'Jesus, We Are Gathered' (*sing twice*)

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death,

blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and

not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia' **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 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost,

to see whether he has enough to complete it?
²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Take My Life, That I May Be'

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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 Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 God our provider,

C we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

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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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'Oh, That the Lord Would Guide'

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'O Master, Let Me Walk with You'

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A God of blessing,

C at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

Sending Hymn 'Lift High the Cross'

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle



Worship Assistants: Sept 8

Greeters: Mason – Karen & Gene Krull
East – Robbie Johnson

Assisting Minister: Becky Luett

Lector: Becky Luett

Communion: Ron Bailey

Ushers: Joe Wilharms, Lindsey Wilharms, Dave Wiese, Jon Seidl

Accompanist: Anita Golz

Attendance 09/01/19: 9:00 – 54

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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 Rev 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; Ole Olson; Gerry Kerwell; Joyce; 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 (422-1090) 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!

Grilled Cheesers start Thursday Sept 5th. There is a need for **Brownie bakers**. A box of Brownies is provided. Just bake `em and bring `em! Let Susan know if you can help 284-2074.

Church Directory

The updated church directory is available today on a table in the narthex. Please take yours today! If you ever change any of your information, please let the office know.

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!

Fall Worship begins today Sunday September 8th with one service at 9:30 am. **Sunday School** will start on September 15th and will be 10:30 am – 11:30 am.

Today Sunday, Sept 8th, Worship at 9:30 am with Fellowship and Games to follow at 10:30 am with Chuck Kruckeberg on the guitar for outside music. Pig Roast with all the trimmings starts at 11:30 am. Please come and enjoy the time and invite your neighbors.

The quilters will be starting on Tuesday Sept 10th. They meet downstairs from 8:30 am -11:30 am every Tuesday. If you have any extra yarn or cotton fabric, there is always a need. Most importantly, they need you!! Come and enjoy the fellowship. No Experience required.

Update from Pillars

Summer sure flies by fast! Over the past few weeks you have hopefully learned a little more about some of the programs Pillars offers and the services they provide our community, particularly for individuals and families in our community who are facing homelessness.

Seasons come and go, and the weather is never quite as predictable as we try to make it. One thing is for certain though, and that is your support matters to the nearly 2,000 individuals Pillars will serve this year. Thank you for helping Pillars meet and beat our Summertime Match goal of \$30,000! But more importantly, thank you for making the possibility of home more of a reality for the people we serve.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, Sept 8** 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 am Church picnic-Let the music begin!!
11:30 am Pig Roast starts- All are welcome!!
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship
- Monday, Sept 9**7:30 pm AA Meeting
6:30 pm Joy Circle
- Tuesday, Sept 10**8:30 am Quilters
- Wednesday, Sept 11**..... 9:00 am Bible Study
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 pm Worship
- Thursday, Sept 12**..... 10:30 Grilled Cheese
- Friday, Sept 13** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, Sept 14**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, Sept 15**..... 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

