

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 9, 2018
8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Installation of Teachers

Blessing of Children

stand as you are able

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

Opening Sentences (from Psalm 146)

A Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C **I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

A Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

A Happy are they whose hope is in the Lord their God;

C **who made heaven and earth and all that is in them.**

A The Lord shall reign forever throughout all generations.

C **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich

in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 7:24-37

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged

him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate'

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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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Offertory 'Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful' **182**

Offering Prayer

A God of life,

C you give us these gifts of the earth, these 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

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Lord's Prayer

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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
'Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love'	708
'Oh, for a Thousand Tongues'	886

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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

'The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve' **551**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

Prayer Huddle (in the PAC after meeting)

Worship Assistants: September 9

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

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Lois Hilger

Communion 8:30: Ron Bailey

Communion 10:30: Deb Werth

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

Organist: Diane Bailey

Pianist (10:30): Anita Golz

Attendance 09/02/18: 45

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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; Kay Elliott; James DeBraal; Bernie Hobbs.

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

“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** have started up again on 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).

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.

The Quilters are starting up again for the fall season on September 11th. When they ship the quilts they make, they also send along **bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief**. There is a collection box in the narthex to collect new and wrapped bars of soap. Please consider contributing.

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. They will have two BIG vacation trips available for people, so start thinking about it now! How about a 4-night all-inclusive stay at the Hyatt Ziva in Los Cabos, Mexico, with airfare for 2? Maybe you'd prefer a long weekend in New York City, with your choice of a Broadway show, dinner, and a 3-night stay with airfare for 2. There will also be Green Bay Packer related things, golfing certificates from Chaska, Mid Vallee, and Bridgewood, Wisconsin Herd tickets, restaurant certificates. It will take place on Sunday, October 14, 2018, at the Riverview Gardens, 1101 S. Oneida St., Appleton. The live auction will begin at 2 P.M. that day. We will have the items pictured on our website for approximately one month ahead of time so that you can view them, so go to www.fvlhomes.org and check them out. If you cannot be there the day of the auction, contact Becky Luett to leave a bid!

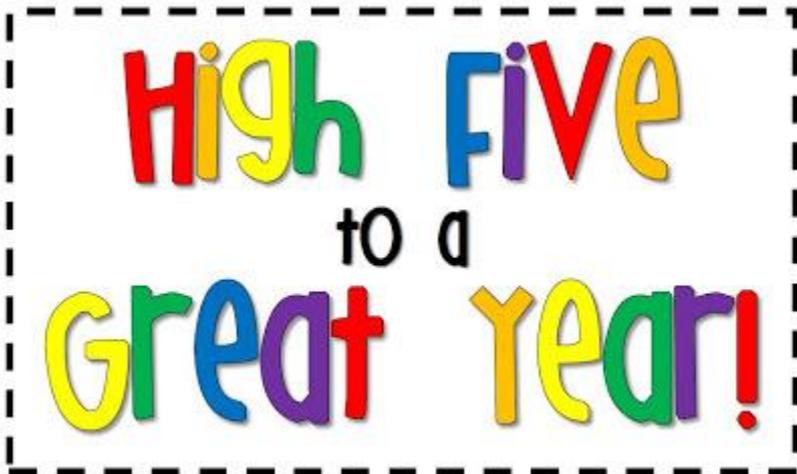
The **Blessing Box and Book Nook** are both doing great. A huge thank you to Cheryl Muggenthaler for monitoring and keeping both the boxes stocked. It truly is a great thing for the neighborhood.

There is a survey in the September Newsletter regarding the church picnic. Please fill it out and put it in the offering plate or the basket on the table in the narthex. Thank you

Today we start our fall schedule and **Sunday School** resumes. Thank you for all those who volunteer to guide the children in the ways of The Lord. Continue to keep the children, parents and leaders in your prayers.

Please keep the family of **Sarah Bultman**, secretary of Trinity Lutheran, in your prayers. Her family's farm was hit by one of the tornadoes in southern Wisconsin.

The **9:00 am Friday morning bible study** will be meeting at the Heritage so that Roger Kirkeide, who has recently moved there, can remain part of the group. Roger is a long time member of the study. If anyone wants to join us, you are more than welcome. We study the lessons for the next Sunday. Roger is in A140 and we meet in a space just as you walk in door 2. Just bring your bible and join us.



GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 9..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
9:30 am Second Sunday Congregation Conversation
10:30 am Worship

Monday, September 10..... 6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 11..... 8:30 am Quilting
6:00 p.m. Board of Ed

Wednesday, September 12.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 13.....10:00 am Grilled Cheese
10:00 – 1:00 Salvation Army

Friday, September 14..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, September 15.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter’s House Worship

Sunday, September 16 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

