

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 2018
8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Temple Talk

stand as you are able

Gathering Hymn 'Lift High the Cross' **660**

Greeting

A 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 Praise God with miles of joy and laughter.

C **Praise God for children's delight and grandparent's wisdom.**

A Praise God for the slant of sunlight and the eagles' flight.

C **Praise God with deeds of love and words of compassion and care.**

A Praise God with the sound of strings and voices raised in song.

C **Let us praise God!**

Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the

whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Hymn of the Day

'Will You Come and Follow Me'

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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

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.

Lord's Prayer

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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 chalice. 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
'For the Bread Which You Have Broken'	494
'I Come with Joy'	482
'Now the Silence'	460

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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

'What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine'

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle



Kairos Outside of Eastern Wisconsin

The purpose of Kairos Outside is to demonstrate God's grace and love through Christian support for women who have relatives/friends who are or who have been incarcerated. These loved ones of the incarcerated often "do time" right along with their relatives or friends. It is important for them to know that they are not alone and that there is a Christian Community that cares about them.

The support is provided in a safe and loving environment during a special Weekend Retreat beginning on Friday night and ending on Sunday afternoon. During the Weekend, the guests will have a chance to interact with other women who are in similar situations and learn how to form Small Support groups, giving them strength in facing their challenges. We are preparing for the week-end October 12-14 at Camp Lake Lucerne, in Neshkoro, WI. The team comes together to love on these dear women who have missed many birthday parties, Christmases, and special times. The women hear a series of Christian talks and reflect on them in family groups. This is the second Kairos event I am serving on. The women are so open to hearing positive and affirming messages. We want them to come so we provide this experience at no cost. You can participate today by providing a meal at \$10 each or housing at \$150 or anything in-between. Checks can be made out to Kairos Outside of Eastern Wisconsin. If you have any questions at all, please contact Lois Hilger at 920-850-0111 or at loishilger49@gmail.com

Worship Assistants: September 16

Greeters: Mason –Joyce Learman
East – Nita Williams

Assisting Minister: Tom Jensen

Lector: Tom Jensen

Communion 8:30: Marty Grow

Communion 10:30: Deb Werth

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

Organist: Diane Bailey

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jen Johnson-Wrege

Attendance 09/09/18: 8:30 - 56 10:30 – 27

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 09/06/18 - 25

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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 Marian Breitenfeldt and Roger Kirkeide.

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; Charlotte Endorf; Ron Bailey; Kay Elliott; James DeBraal; Bernie Hobbs; Marian Breitenfeldt.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; 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

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. 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.

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

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 **9:00 am Friday morning bible study** will be meeting at the Heritage so that Roger Kirkeide can remain part of the group. 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.

For the **Second Sunday Conversation** on October 14th we are encouraged to read Acts 6 prior to the meeting.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, September 17..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
*****October Newsletter articles due*****

Tuesday, September 18..... 8:30 am Quilting
10:30 am W&M Meeting
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday, September 19.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Council
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 20.....10:00 am Grilled Cheese

Friday, September 21..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, September 22.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Sunday, September 23 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

