

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 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 'Son of God, Eternal Savior' 655

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

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

I Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for

everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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. Luke, the 16th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes'.⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.'

He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'All Depends on Our Possessing'

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Apostles' Creed

p. 105

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

'We Give Thee But Thine Own' vs 1 & 2 **686**

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. 144

Lord's Prayer p. 145

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.146

'Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak' **676**

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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 'Rise Up, O Saints of God!' **669**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Other Music:

Prelude: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley American Folk Song (and) He Is Exalted by Twila Paris

Offering: God Will Take Care Of Me, arranged by P. Keveren.

Postlude: Pastorale by D. Scarlotti.

Worship Assistants: Sept 22

Greeters: Mason – Cheryl Muggenthaler
East – Mary & Ray Hubers

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Marilyn Catlin

Communion: Marty Grow

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

Accompanist: Becky Luett

Attendance 09/15/19: 9:30 – 64

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 09/12/19: 97

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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 Dorothy Henke.

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; Sam Strong.

“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 Daily Devotions. Every day a new devotion is on our website. Check them out!

Grilled Cheesers started 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 began Sunday September 8th with one service at 9:30 am. **Sunday School** started on September 15th and will be 10:30 am – 11:30 am.

The quilters started 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.

There is a need for **ushers**. If you can sign up (call the office) for a whole month, that would be great. If not, please check in when you come to church and see if help is needed. Thank you in advance.

Marriage Encounter & Fall Colors Up North Give a lasting gift to each other of loving and meaningful time spent together. A memorable weekend awaits as you discover how your good marriage can be even better or how to get your marriage back on track. Join Green Bay Marriage Encounter for a fall colors weekend of discovery at Northland Camp & Conference Center in Dunbar WI (northern Marinette County) on October 4-6, 2019. Call 920-544-5166 or visit www.gbme.org for more information or to register. But hurry, registration for this extraordinary weekend ends on September 26.



Kairos Outside #4 of Eastern WI

Invites you to participate in our
“Walking in Love” Service

On Saturday, October 12 from 8:15-
9:30pm Lake Lucerne Camp W6460 County Road YY
Neshkoro, WI 54960

Kairos Outside is a special weekend for women who have loved ones that are or have been incarcerated.

Help make this weekend special by attending the “Walking in Love” service. Join us and show the attendees the love and support of a Christian community.

All are welcome to attend. Come and bring a friend. The time will begin with a short service followed by a luminary walk.

If you have questions, please contact Carlene Griffith 920-810-9242 or Rhonda Schmidt 920-527-5376.

Directions to camp: Take Highway 21 toward Wautoma. Turn onto WI-73 South. Go about 3 miles. Turn left onto County Road YY. Second turn on your left. Follow signs to parking.

FALL FESTIVAL

Food, Fun, and Games

It's not too early to begin planning for **OCTOBER 27, 2019!**

This will be our Congregational Fall Festival. After 10:30 Sunday School, members are invited to participate in a **Delicious Potluck Lunch at 11:30** and bring a dish to pass.

We are asking members to sign up to run a table/booth in the Parish Activity Center. This can be a game you already have, like Corn Toss or something you can put together like the ideas below. We want all Grace members and our Sunday School students to have a blast playing games and getting candy!



GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept 22..... 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Monday, Sept 237:30 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 248:30 am Quilters

Wednesday, Sept 25..... 9:00 am Bible Study
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 pm Worship

Thursday, Sept 26..... 10:30 Grilled Cheese

Friday, Sept 27 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Sept 28.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Sept 29..... 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

