

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 2018
8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

silence for reflection and self-examination

P Source of all life,

C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen

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

Gathering Hymn 'Let the Whole Creation Cry' 876

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 Happy are we when we use our strength for wholehearted and responsible living.

C Thank you, ever-growing God, for the times we know a sense of meaning and fulfillment.

A Happy are we when we recognize, develop, and use our talents.

C Thank you, O creative God, for the times we are productive.

A Happy are we when we are able to communicate with those closest to us.

C Thank you, O compassionate God, for the times we feel a sense of oneness and unity.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:} ¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do

not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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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".

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Offering

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Offertory

'Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service' vs 1 **712**

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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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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'All Are Welcome' vs 3 & 4

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'Children of the Heavenly Father'

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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

'Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness'

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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

Prayer Vigil October 12 – 14, 2018

The prayer vigil is now open, we appreciate your prayers now and especially during the weekend for our guests and team.

Time slots are 30 minutes in length and can be signed up at:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>

If you have any questions please contact Lois Hilger.

Thank you and God Bless

KO#3 Team and Guests

Worship Assistants: September 23

Greeters: Mason –Cory & Mike Keeney
East – Mary & Ray Hubers

Assisting Minister: Becky Luett

Lector: Becky Luett

Communion 8:30: Marty Grow

Communion 10:30: Luann Seidl

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

Organist: Diane Bailey

Pianist: Lois Hilger

Attendance 09/16/18: 8:30 - 39 10:30 – 17

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 09/13/18 - 124

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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 and Ellen Holz.

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 DeBaal; 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 23..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, September 24..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 25..... 8:30 am Quilting
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday, September 26.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, September 27.....10:00 am Grilled Cheese

Friday, September 28..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, September 29.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

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



“Servant leadership is living your
life for the sake of others.”

Art Barter