

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 7, 2018
8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Blessing of Quilts

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 vs 1, 4 & 6 **835**
'All Creatures, Worship God Most High'

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

'For the Beauty of the Earth' vs 1, 4 & 5 **879**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was

not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do

see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise 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 10th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Our Father, by Whose Name'

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Apostles' Creed

p. 105

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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' **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 pp. 152-153

Lord's Prayer p. 154

please be seated

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

'Now We Join in Celebration' **462**

'Jesus Loves Me!' **595**

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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 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds' **656**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Communion 10:30: Deb Werth

Ushers: John Kading, Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell

Organist: Diane Bailey

Pianist: Anita Golz

Attendance 09/30/18: 8:30 - 36 10:30 – 17

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 09/27/18 – 168

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!

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Marv Wrege and Gladys Prahl.

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; Bev.

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 4th quarter **Devotional Books** are on the table in the narthex. Please take yours home today.

We will have a **Special Congregation Meeting** on Sunday October 21 at 9:30 am. There will be only 2 items on the agenda. We will be voting on bids to repair the air compressor that controls the thermostats for the boiler and repairs for the leaking in the Library. Please plan on attending this short meeting.

A huge thank you to all the **Quilters and helpers** who worked on the making the quilts throughout the year. We are shipping approximately 260 quilts thru Lutheran World Relief from just our congregation.

All Saints' Sunday: On Sunday, November 4, 2018 we will be celebrating All Saints' Day during worship. If you have a loved one who has passed away since the last All Saints' Day, please contact the office by email Grace54914@gmail.com or call the church office 733-9135. We need the correct spelling and the date of death. We will also include the names of those recently baptized in the last year, again we need correct spelling and dates. We will need these names and dates no later than Sunday October 28th.



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.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 7..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, October 8..... 6:30 pm Joy Circle
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, October 9..... 8:30 am Quilting
6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Wednesday, October 10.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Board of Worship & Music
6:00 p.m. Board of Education
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, October 11.....10:00 am Grilled Cheese
10:00 a.m. Salvation Army

Friday, October 12..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
(Meeting at Heritage)

Saturday, October 13.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Sunday, October 14..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Congregation Conversation
10:30 am Worship