

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2017

8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

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Gathering Hymn

'Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun'

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Greeting

Be seated.

Hymn of Praise

'Jesus, We Are Gathered' (sing twice)

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says

the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish

ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia!'

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'O God, My Faithful God'

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Stand as you are able.

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend
all for whom we pray, trusting the power of
Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

C Amen

Peace

The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".

Be seated.

Offering

Stand as you are able.

Offertory *'Let the Vineyards be Fruitful'* **184**

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 Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

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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

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'Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service'	712

Stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
C **you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

'O Master, Let Me Walk with You' **818**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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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.*

Worship Assistants: October 1

Greeters: Mason – Joyce Learman / Kathy Lanska
East – Judy & Dallas Cross

Assisting Minister: Mandie Klauer

Lector: Gerry Kerwell

Communion 8:30: Dennis Pringnitz

Communion 10:30: Deb Werth

Ushers: John Kading, Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 9/24: 8:30 am – 43 & 10:30 am - 26

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 9/21 – 145 students

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Art Peterson and Gladys Prahl.

For Healing for 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; Lorraine Phelps.

For those with cancer especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Roger Schmidt; Marian Breitenfeldt; Enid Andrews.

“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.

Announcements

Children's Book Sale

We now have open our Spark children's book sale. Check out our selection of books plus many more on the order forms. You can get great price and free shipping. Order soon as the sale ends November 5.

Adult Forum

Our Adult Forum is meeting each Sunday at 9:40 in the kitchen. Please come and join us! We are using the pamphlet, Reformation: the Word at Work. We will look at the history of the Reformation and some of scriptures that influenced the huge change not only in the church, but also in the whole European society. See you on Sundays at 9:40 in the kitchen.

Council Minutes and Financial Statements

Approved council minutes are posted on the three panel screen by the east stairs to the balcony. The Grace financial statements are also posted in the same place.

Kairos Prison Ministry International "Connect & Learn"

Saturday, October 7 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Valley Baptist Church, 3600 N. Chippewa, Appleton
All are invited to an informal gathering to hear about the ministry including three core programs: Kairos Inside for incarcerated adults, Kairos Outside for women impacted by incarceration, Kairos Torch for incarcerated juveniles.

Grace is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles. The last day to place your order is November 5.

FVLH Annual Pie, Ice Cream & Silent Auction:

TODAY from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from Sharon Meier or Becky Luett. \$10 per person or \$30 per family. Money raised will go to purchase Walk-Thru Tub inserts. Thank you for your support.

Church Office Hours: Sarah Bultman is out of the office this week (10/2-10/5). If you plan to stop by call church first to make sure the building is open.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, Oct. 1**.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship
- Monday, Oct. 2**.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. TLC Bible Study
- Tuesday, Oct. 3**.....8:30 a.m. Quilting
10:30 a.m. Worship & Music Meeting
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
- Wednesday, Oct. 4**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, Oct. 5**.....10a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers Practice
6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds
- Friday, Oct. 6**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, Oct. 7**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, Oct. 8**.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship