

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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**

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

'As We Gather at Your Table'

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Greeting

Be seated.

Hymn of Praise

'Praise the Lord! O Heavens'

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from
the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter
rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for
all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged
wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from
all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away
from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so
that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia!' p. 142

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'
⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'
¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing' vs 1-4

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Blessing of the Quilts

Stand as you are able.

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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Lord's Prayer

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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

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 146
<i>'God Extends an Invitation'</i> (sing twice)	486
<i>'At The Lamb's High Feast'</i> vs 5-8	362

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

'Sent Forth by God's Blessing' **547**

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 15

Greeters: Mason – Luann Seidl / Jonathon Seidl
East – Carol Aldinger / Bonne Planner

Assisting Minister: Deb Baumbach

Lector: Gene Krull

Communion 8:30: Gene Krull

Communion 10:30: Luann Seidl

Ushers: John Kading, Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 10/8: 8:30 am – 52 & 10:30 am - 29

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 10/5 – 115 students

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Rose Zinck and Dorothy Henke.

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.

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 there.

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.

The Human Trafficking Awareness: Educating the Community Event will take place on Saturday, November 11 at All Saints Lutheran in Oshkosh. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. till noon. It is free and open to the public, but preregistration is required. Go to www.Eventbrite.com 11-11-7 to register. Learn facts about Human Trafficking from 8 active organizations on the front lines and what you can do to help.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 15.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, Oct. 16.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 17.....8:30 a.m. Quilting
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. TLC Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

Wednesday, Oct. 18.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Grace Council Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 19.....10 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers Practice
6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds
Newsletter Deadline

Friday, Oct. 20.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Oct. 21.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Oct. 22.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship