

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

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Greeting

Opening Litany

A God calls us together like a landowner
gathering the tenants.

**C From our labors in your vineyard, O God
we bring to you the fruits of our hands,
hearts, and minds.**

A Like a landowner with his tenants,

**C God supplies us with the means to sustain
ourselves and to produce a plentiful
harvest for the coming kingdom.**

A Our lives literally depend upon you, O God,

C in this world and in the kingdom.

**ALL May we be found faithful in your eyes
today, and every day.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the

scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending' (tune #461)

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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 *'We Give Thee but Thine Own'* **686**

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 p. 144

Lord's Prayer p. 145

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

'One Bread, One Body' **496**

'Take My Life, That I May Be' **685**

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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

'For the Fruit of All Creation'

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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.

Baptized TODAY at the 10:30 a.m. service is Emery Rose Marion Witthuhn. Emery Rose is the daughter of Betsy Ann Witthuhn. Pamela Witthuhn, Emily Parry and Stephanie Gordee are Emery Rose's baptismal sponsors. Please welcome Emery Rose!

Worship Assistants: October 8

Greeters: Mason – Dirk DeBaal
East – Joy DeBaal

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Laurie Lease

Communion 8:30: Ron Bailey

Communion 10:30: Gene Krull

Ushers: John Kading, Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell

Hospitality: Gary and Valerie Sieg

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 10/1: 8:30 am – 61 & 10:30 am - 15

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 9/28 – 153

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Henry Schoenborn and Pastor Jim Seim.

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.

Council Minutes and Financial Statements

Approved council minutes and financial statements are posted on the three panel screen by the east stairs to the balcony.

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.

Thank you from FVLH: Thank you for your support of the annual Pie and Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction! We couldn't do it without the support of our friends and donors!

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, Oct. 9.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Joy Circle

Tuesday, Oct. 10.....8:30 a.m. Quilting
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

Wednesday, Oct. 11.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 12.....10 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese
10 a.m. Serve at the Salvation Army
6:30 p.m. Board of Ed. Meeting
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers Practice
6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds

Friday, Oct. 13.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
Noon – 11 p.m. Crafters Weekend

Saturday, Oct. 14.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Crafters Weekend

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