

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 11, 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 'Jesus Shall Reign'

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Greeting

P From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection, grace and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

please be seated

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 146*)

A Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

C I will praise the Lord all my life.

A Do not put your trust in human beings, who cannot save.

C When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; their plans come to nothing.

A Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

C who is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them;

A who gives justice to those who are oppressed and food to those who hunger.

C The Lord gives sight to the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down.

A The Lord cares for the stranger; and sustains the orphans and widow.

C The Lord shall reign forever throughout all generations.

A Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

C I will praise the Lord all my life.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant

us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

I Kings 17:8-16

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a

penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us'

707

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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 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 Creator God,

C you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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'Day by Day'

790

'Voices Raised to You'

845

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Sovereign God,

C in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at

**length celebrate the marriage feast of the
Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

'For the Fruit of All Creation'

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Congregation Conversation

Prayer Huddle (In PAC after meeting)

ARE YOU READY? ADVENT is COMING!

Come to the **Advent Adventure** in the Parish Activity Center at Grace on **Sunday Nov. 25**, (*Christ the King Sunday*) following the 10:30 A.M. service. We'll have a potluck meal so bring one of your favorite dishes to share, lots of crafts to make and take, Advent songs to sing, and Advent gifts for everyone. You might want to consider coming to the 10:30 service that day and maybe there's a friend or more who would like to come with you. This will be an adventure for all of us to share as we get ready for the Christchild.

Fun \$ Facts

As of the end of September, we have sent \$1,416 to Fox Valley Lutheran Homes this calendar year!

Worship Assistants: November 11

Greeters: Mason – Joy & Dirk DeBaal
East – Millie, Joe and Lindsey Wilharms

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion 8:30: Ron Bailey

Communion 10:30: Luann Seidl

Ushers: Robbie Johnson, Aaron Seidl, Jon Seidl

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 11/04/18: 8:30 - 56 10:30 – 20

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 11/01/18 – 143

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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 Marie Mueller and Marv Wrege.

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; Kay Elliott; James DeBaal; Bernie Hobbs; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Carol Baumbach; Dottie Frankie; Kristi Meier.

“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: Apartment for rent: 1-2 BR; Call Becky at 734-7225.

Missing from kitchen 9 x13 cake pans Do you have any to spare? Just drop them off!! Thanks

Do you know we have a **Grace Visitor group**? Visiting and praying for a specific member on a regular basis. Talk to Sharon Meier if you would like to hear more about this ministry that allows you to build a relationship with someone new. Remember, it's God's work, but our hands.

This is a **sign up sheet** on the table in the narthex to sign up to **bring treats** for hospitality time between services. Please help and sign up today.

Please see the November Newsletter about **Cemetery Plots**.

Flowers in Church

The Altar Guild has a Flower Chart by the Nursery door near the East stairway in the narthex for those who may want to donate an arrangement of live flowers for worship on any Sunday. Please put your name next to the date you would like and contact Karen Krull, 739-3880 or Diane Bailey, 734-9076 to get the details. You may want to recognize a special birthday or anniversary coming up or just order them for any Sunday.

The **Care team** will be assembling the **Advent Bags** for the homebound Thursday December 13th. A complete listing of items will be in the December Newsletter and December bulletins as things are finalized.

Please help us help others!
Bring your food donations on the Sunday
before Thanksgiving for our Blessing Box or for
Faith in Action!
November 18th is the date!

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for volunteers to help usher on any given month. We have a shortage on the months listed below and are asking for any individuals or groups to fill these vacancies. Ushering is done a month at a time for the early service only. Training will be provided if needed. Anyone can usher, male or female. Please consider this opportunity today and let the office or Pastor Dan know so the list can be updated as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

Month and # needed

Jan -1 Feb -2 Apr -2 May -1 July -1 Aug -3 Oct -1
Nov 1

Calling all ushers! Where are you?

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 11..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
9:30 am Congregation Conversation
10:30 am Worship

Monday, November 12.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 pm Joy Circle

Tuesday, November 13..... 8:30 am Quilting
6:00 pm Confirmation

Wednesday, November 14.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, November 1510:00 am Grilled Cheese

Friday, November 16..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
(Meeting at Heritage)

Saturday, November 179:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Sunday, November 18..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship



Thanks to Shirley Ostrander 01-15-2004
HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD
ONLY GETS 10%?