

# Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017

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**

**Greeting***Be seated.***Opening Litany**

A We are messengers sent to tell the world of God's love.

**C We are called to share the news of God's mercy and grace.**

A Each of us has fallen short and chosen our own ways.

**C Christ will return one day and we are called to be prepared.**

A Let us proclaim to all the world, the glory of God is at hand.

**C Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

**Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**First Reading**

Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings  
and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted  
animals

I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

### **Second Reading**

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



*Stand as you are able.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

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## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 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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*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**

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 146
<i>'Wait for the Lord' (sing twice)</i>	<b>262</b>
<i>'Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness'</i>	<b>488</b>

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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** *'Lead On, O King Eternal!'* **805**

## **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **Prayer Huddle**

## **Worship Assistants: November 12**

**Greeters:** Mason – Joyce Learman  
East – Millie, Joe & Lindsey Wilharms

**Assisting Minister:** Laury Grow

**Lector:** Laury Grow

**Communion 8:30:** Ron Bailey

**Communion 10:30:** Deb Werth

**Ushers:** Robbie Johnson, David Lease, Aaron Seidl,  
Jon Seidl

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 10/29:** 8:30 am-60 & 10:30 am-30

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch:** 11/2 – 148 students

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## ***In Prayer this Week***

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

***For Healing*** for Norma Bryant; 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**

### **Thanksgiving Eve**

Come and join as Grace and Trinity celebrate Thanksgiving Worship on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm. Come and give thanks to God for all of our many blessings.

### **500 Years of Faith**

Have you noticed the large poster outside the sanctuary doors? Confirmation students experienced some of Martin Luther's reforming acts of 500 years ago by reading and studying his life and putting the puzzle pieces together for this poster. They also made the Luther seals. Confirmation students are Ashlea Bird, Quinn Fritsch, Ethan Kraft and Connor Nienhaus.

**Linwood Place:** When you see the name "Linwood Place," don't be confused. That name has been the name of the FVLH apartment building since 2009. We are now officially using that name in our business for marketing purposes. The names **Linwood Place** and **Fox Valley Lutheran Homes** will be used much more interchangeably, so don't be confused. We are still talking about the same wonderful place to live at 425 N. Linwood Place!

**Linwood Place Apartments** has openings: large 2 BR with 1½ bath, large 2 BR, and 1 BR. Our waiting list is empty! Call now to see an apartment or to secure a spot for the future. This is the time to act!!! Call Becky at 920-734-7725 or 920-594-2016, or call Brian at 920-840-3578.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program** at Goodwill NCW in Menasha needs volunteers from throughout the Fox Cities to help prepare tax returns for low-to-moderate income households, persons with disabilities or non-English speaking taxpayers. Tax prep experience is not required; however, computer skills are desirable. Training will be provided. To learn more, you can register to attend an information session at [www.filetaxes4free.org](http://www.filetaxes4free.org) or contact Jackie Zolp, Goodwill NCW VITA Site Coordinator, at 920-968-6021 or [jzolp@goodwillncw.org](mailto:jzolp@goodwillncw.org).

### ***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.*

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## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Nov. 12**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, Nov. 13**.....6:30 p.m. Joy Circle  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, Nov. 14**.....8:30 a.m. Quilting  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**.....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, Nov. 16**.....10 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese  
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers Practice

**Friday, Nov. 17**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

**Saturday, Nov. 18**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
8:30 a.m. Fox Valley Chorus

**Sunday, Nov. 19**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
*Sunday School sings at 10:30 service.*