

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2019
9:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome



stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

C Amen

P Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

silence for reflection and self-examination

P Merciful God,

C we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen

P At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in

Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are † forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies'

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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

please be seated

Opening Sentences *(from Psalm 98)*

A Sing unto the Lord a new song,

C for He has done marvelous things.

A He has revealed his salvation and accomplished it.

C Let all the earth hear our praise and wonder.

A Through our weakness he has shown himself strong.

C Let our adversaries be ashamed before him.

A We will not die, but live,

C and declare the works of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God**Second Reading**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.*stand as you are able***Gospel Acclamation**

'Alleluia'

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

please be seated

Children's Sermon Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'If You But Trust in God to Guide You' **769**

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Apostles' Creed p. 105

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you,
most gracious Lord, trusting that you have
received them in your care.

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 God our creator,

C **you give us all we are, all we have, all we
bring, and all we need. Draw us together
around your table with all your saints on
earth and in your eternal home. Let us
eat and drink your promise of new life,
that we might be your promise to the
world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving p. 144

Lord's Prayer

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please 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

'Lamb of God'	p. 146
'My Lord, What a Morning'	438
'Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness'	488

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A We thank you, God our host,
C **for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
C **Amen**

Sending Hymn 'Awake, O Sleeper' **452**

Dismissal

S Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Other Music:

Prelude: Trumpet Tune and Air by Henry Purcell
(and) Come Christian's, Join to Sing by Eugene
Englert

Offertory: Joyous Toccata by Lani Smith

Postlude: Improvisation on "Llanfair" Tune by Robert
Williams, Arr. by Steven Scott

I asked God,
"Why are you taking me
through the water?"
He replied,
"Because your enemies
can't swim."

spiritualinspiration.tumblr.com

Please Note:

As Trinity transitions to their new location this coming week for their offices, access to the building will be changing. The Grace office is usually available Tuesday, Wed and Thurs. from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm but it is always best to call ahead 733-9135 if you need access and don't have a key.

Worship Assistants: November 17

Greeters: Mason – Mary Kruckeberg/Mary Wheeler
East – Carol Patrick

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Lois Hilger

Communion: Gene Krull

Ushers: Robbie Johnson, Aaron Seidl, Jon Seidl

Accompanist: Becky Luett

Attendance 11/10/19: 9:30 – 79

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 11/07/19: 102

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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 Ellen Holz.

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; Margaret Congdon; Mike VerKuilen; Lloyd Learman; Charlotte Endorf; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev; Jim Marks; Darlene, Linda Grebe's mom; Judy Cross; Tom Muggenthaler; Gene Krull; Ole Olson; Gerry Kerwell; Joyce; Ken and Edna; Paula.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Louie Dumke; Mary Brown; Sam Strong.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (422-1090) 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 card** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

Check out the **Grace Web Site**

www.gracelutheranappleton.org for updated information about our congregation. We also have a feature – Daily Devotions. Every day a new devotion is on our website. Check them out!

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.

Snow shoveling is upon us once again (yuk). There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. Can you help? I know we, as a congregation, don't always like to sign up for things, however it really helps for everyone to know it is taken care of.

The Grace Care Team want to remember our people on the **Care and Concerned List** again this year. Between now and **December 15**, please collect donations for our more fragile members of Grace, and the care team will assemble **gift bags** for each of them. We will be making up about **14 bags** this year. Please look for the big bin in the narthex right after Thanksgiving and fill it up by Dec. 15. Watch the December Newsletter for a list of ideas to be included.

Grace will be having a worship service

Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday November 27th 2019 at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

Envelopes – New envelopes will be available the middle of December for 2020. If you attend Grace and are not a member you may still receive envelopes so your donations can be recorded and you will receive a statement at the end of the year. The other option is to put your donation in one of the pew envelopes with your name on it and it will also be recorded. If you make your donations through auto pay at your bank just put your new envelope number where they ask for account number starting January 1, 2020. Statements for 2019 will be out by the end of January 2020. Please see Cheryl Muggenthaler if you have questions or request envelopes for 2020.

IMPORTANT: - Contributions for 2019 – Contributions you want recorded for 2019 must be received by December 29. Checks MUST have a December date to be counted for 2019.

Cooks and bakers needed! Grace is hosting the first **Advent lunch at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes** on Wednesday, December 4. We still need volunteers for two crockpots of soup, two trays of cookies or bars, and two loaves of bread. If you can provide one of these items, please let Sharon Meier know, 739-4291. Food is needed by 11:15 or earlier that day.

LUETT CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Come and spend an hour or more, visiting with friends, enjoying Christmas goodies, and seeing all three floors of our Christmas 2019 Open House, on Saturday, December 14, from 1 to 5 P.M., at 113 Woodside Court, Neenah.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov 17 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Monday, Nov 187:30 pm AA Meeting
*****Newsletter Items Due*****

Tuesday, Nov 198:30 am Quilters

Wednesday, Nov 20 9:00 am Bible Study
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 pm Council

Thursday, Nov 21 10:30 Grilled Cheese

Friday, Nov 22 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Nov 239:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Nov 24 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

live.
love.
laugh.

life is what you make it.

make it happen