

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## May 8, 2016

*Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.*



### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gathering Hymn** 'A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!' **393**

### **Greeting**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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.**

**Hymn of Praise** 'Alleluia! Sing to Jesus' vs 1 & 2 **392**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*Be seated.*

## **Readings**

Acts 16:16-34

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*'Alleluia'*

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th Chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Holy Gospel**

John 17:20-26

P The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Be seated.*

## **Sermon**

*Offering assembled and presented*

**Hymn of the Day** *'Alleluia! Sing to Jesus'* vs 3-5 **392**

*Stand as you are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

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## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## Peace

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".*

**Offertory** 'Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful'

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## Offering Prayer

A Blessed are you, O God,

**C ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

### 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

'Lamb of God'	p.146
'Beautiful Savior'	838
'Crown Him with Many Crowns'	855

*Stand as you are able.*

## Table Blessing

### Post Communion Prayer

A We give you thanks, O God,

**C that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## Benediction

**Closing Hymn**      *'O Christ, Our Hope'*      **604**

## Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

**Welcome to Grace** – *Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. Fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate to share your contact information and any needs. There is also a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.*

### **Grace Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

*By grace, through faith, we follow God's Word, share the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring hope to others through **worship, education and outreach.***

**Worship Assistants: May 8-Seventh Sunday of Easter**

<b>Greeters:</b>	Mason – Mary Kruckeberg East Side – Mary Wheeler
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Mandie Klauer
<b>Lector:</b>	Laurie Lease
<b>Communion:</b>	8:30 a.m. Ron Bailey 10:30 a.m. Deb Werth
<b>Ushers:</b>	Robbie Johnson, David Lease, Aaron Seidl, Jon Seidl
<b>Pianist:</b>	Lois Hilger
<b>Sound:</b>	Robbie Johnson
<b>Attendance 5/1</b>	69 & 23

**Joys & Concerns**

*Take a moment to sign the greeting cards set out in the Gathering Area. These cards are mailed each week to a shut-in member.*

*In prayer this week:*

*Marie Mueller, Henry Schoenborn  
Robyn Messenger – Terri Bellile  
Rev. Jennie Johnson-Wrege, Jim DeBaal,  
Robin Kruckeberg, Marie Mueller, Rose Zinck*

*Thad Strong, Joyce Learman's son*

*Roger and Gerry Kirkeide at the death of  
their daughter Sue*

## Announcements

**Happy Mother's Day!** We are grateful today for our mothers and for all those who lend nurturing support and help people blossom.

This week's **Boldness Mission Covenant** watchword is **Encouragement**. The text is Romans 15:5-10. Members are invited to take a booklet to use to record their reflections. Prayerful listening for God's direction seems especially important now as Grace moves forward in mission.

**Summer Day Camp July 5-8:** Registration packets are available in the Church office for this Crossways program in partnership with Appleton congregations. Deb Werth and Mary Hubers are Grace's coordinators. Cost is \$10. The Day Camp is open to children completing grades 1-6.

**GRACE RUMMAGE SALE:** Grace Rummage Sale drop-off is just one week away. Check the desk in the narthex for specific times when you can sign up to help. A lot of people are needed to make this sale very successful: table setter-uppers, sorters, cashiers, straighteners, general helpers, and clean-uppers. Drop off may be next Sunday morning or see the newsletter for other times. Call Sharon Meier at 739-4291 or the church at 733-9135 **this week** if you need a pick up or have **ANY**thing that will sell for \$5 or more. We need to entice the appropriate shoppers.

**HYMN SINGS** this summer. You are invited to select the hymns you especially would like to sing by listing the hymn number(s) from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book (ELW). There is a basket in the back of the church to place these lists. The lists will be collected through Sunday May 29. Enjoy the summer singing!

**Next Sunday is Pentecost.** Wear red, the color of the Spirit to celebrate.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m.

A Congregational Meeting will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to elect a Call Committee in line with the Constitution. Members of Grace who are interested in serving in this way should submit their name for the ballot. You may give your name to Pastor Vicki (450-7796) or Tom Jensen (830-6421). The congregation will elect 6 members for the Call Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a vote at the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> to approve funds to repair the elevator.

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## GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, May 8**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Worship
- Monday, May 9**.....5:00 p.m. Board of Ed.  
6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
- Tuesday, May 10**.....8:30 a.m. Quilting  
6:30 pm Fox Valley Chorus
- Thursday, May 12**.....10:30 - 1:30 High School  
Grilled Cheese Lunch  
10:00 a.m. Salvation Army Lunch Help  
5:30 p.m. Cooperative Ministry at Our Redeemer
- Friday, May 13**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
Craft Weekend at Grace
- Saturday, May 14**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
Craft Weekend at Grace
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9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
9:30 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Worship