

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017

Order of Worship 9:00 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P We Confess We Live in a Broken Creation

C We confess that we live in a world of shattered dreams and broken promises. We confess that we use and abuse our world and the creatures of our planet. We confess that we are not willing to share the world's resources but we would rather keep them for ourselves. God of the soil, water, and air, forgive our sinful nature and make us a new creation fashioned in your image.

P We Hear the Good News of the Creator's Love
People of God's world – God is alive and at work in this world and the next. God's creative power continues to recreate love where there is hate and healing where there is hurt. Through Jesus Christ all things were created. Through Jesus Christ all creation is sustained. Through Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven and we are free to live as God's people.

C Thanks be to God.

Be seated.

Gathering Hymns

'Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty' vs 1 & 3	533
'Gather Us In' vs 1 & 3	532
'Let the Whole Creation Cry' vs 1	876

Stand as you are able.

Greeting

Opening Litany

A All who have received the Good News of Christ, come, let us worship.

C Not all who have heard the Gospel have come to worship.

A The Lord warned some would hear of but not understand God's love.

C Jesus warned some would hear yet not truly commit their hearts.

A Jesus also taught that all who receive Christ, receive eternity.

C Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those

who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when

the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Be seated.
Sermon

Hymn of the Day ‘As Rain from the Clouds’ **508**

Stand as you are able.
Apostles’ Creed

p. 105

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 silver challis and grape juice in the stoneware challis. Gluten free wafers are 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

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 146
<i>'Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil'</i>	512
<i>'God, Whose Firm Is All Creation'</i> (Tune 696)	734

Stand as you are able.

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 *'Let All Things Now Living'* **881**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Worship Assistants: July 16

Greeters: Mason – Carol Aldinger / Bonne Planner
East – Luann Seidl / Jonathon Seidl

Assisting Minister: Deb Baumbach

Lector: Mary Jensen

Communion: Gene Krull

Ushers: Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce
Learman

Accompanist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 7/16: 67

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Marie Mueller and Ruby Niemuth.

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; Ron Bailey.

For those with cancer especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Robyn Messenger, Deb Baumbach's sister; Roger Schmidt; Bob Blaskowski; 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

Crossways S'mores: A "wish list" of items needed for Crossways Camping Ministries is displayed in the narthex (or on their website www.crosswayscamps.org/donate). Feel free to take a marshmallow and return the item(s) you wish to donate in the box below the campfire. The last Sunday for dropping off your donation will be announced soon. If you wish to make a donation directly to Crossways, you make contact Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer at: [920-882-0023](tel:920-882-0023). Thank you for your generous support of the Mission and Ministry of Crossways.

Save the Date! *August 20 for a Church Picnic* in the parking lot. More details to come.

"God's work, Our hands" *workday at Riverview Gardens in Appleton on July 29, 2017, 9:00 – Noon*
Please join fellow ELCA members in volunteering for this great community organization—"72 acres with a mission." Riverview Gardens is a non-profit organization in Appleton, Wisconsin with a mission to provide job training for people in need, to transform their lives and our community. We believe in the dignity of hard work and allowing people to be part of their own solution. This project engages the entire community in addressing the root causes of unemployment, poverty and homelessness through hard work, creativity and human dignity.

This is a great opportunity for families. Children are welcome as long as any children under 16 are accompanied by an adult.

Sign up at this link:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D44AEAB23A5FF2-gods

Once you sign up, please watch for a message with itinerary and Waiver attachments.

Pop Up Produce and Vintage Clothing Shop

Riverview Gardens in collaboration with the Community Clothes Closet are excited to announce a new Pop Up Shop where you can purchase fresh produce and vintage clothing! By purchasing produce from Riverview Gardens and vintage clothing from Community Clothes Closet, you are directly impacting the lives of community members in need. Cash, check and cards accepted. Free parking lot in back of building.

- **Where:** Riverview Gardens Downtown Building (513 W College Avenue, Appleton).
- **When: Thursdays in July** from 4 – 7 p.m.
& August 3rd-6th (during Mile of Music)
 - Thursday: 4:00PM-9:00PM
 - Friday and Saturday: Noon-9 p.m.
 - Sunday: 12:00PM-4:00PM

Calling All Green Thumbs: Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW-Oshkosh is gearing up for its annual plant giveaway for incoming freshman students. Please consider planting some easy-to-grow houseplants this summer and have them ready by the beginning of September. Label each plant with the plant type. Include name, church and address. Cheryl Muggenthaler will deliver your plants to the Gathering Place between September 2 & 4; just let her know.

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GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, June 16**.....9:00 a.m. Worship
- Monday, July 17**.....Newsletter Deadline
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tue, July 18**.....6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
- Wed., July 19**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thu., July 20**.....
- Friday, July 21**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, July 22**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, July 23**.....9:00 a.m. Worship
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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.