

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 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 Our Need for the Water of Life
C **God, our spirits are dry. The well that has supplied our ambition and motivation is empty. We are tired of trying to do it alone and acknowledge our need for you. Water of life – Spirit of truth – allow us to drink freely from your never ending supply of life. We sin and we are sorry, we fail and we need forgiveness, we search for love yet remain lonely. Fountain of life, you know our needs and our shortcomings – allow us to drink freely from your never ending supply of life.**

P We Receive the Water of Life
Here is the Good News! Jesus has come into the world to shower us with the water of freedom and forgiveness. God has not left us alone, but surrounded us with love through the community of believers and filled us with love through the Holy Spirit. God fills us with the water of life until we overflow to those around

us. Jesus has given the true gift of love in his death and his resurrection. Our spirit has been joined to God's Spirit which fills us and lives through us.

**C Praise God for the water of life!
Thanks be to God.**

Gathering Hymn

'O Beautiful for Spacious Skies'

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Greeting

Opening Litany

A From shore to shore -

C let God's praise be sung.

A From mountains high to valleys low -

C let the echo of praise resound.

A From the mouths of children and the prayers of the saints -

C let thanksgiving abound.

A For great is our God

C and greatly to be praised.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Be seated.

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD;

⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in

human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Matthew 10:40-42
[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak'

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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 All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through 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

'We Give Thee but Thine Own' vs 1

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Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our 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

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

'Lamb of God' p. 146

'As We Gather at Your Table' **522**

'Just As I Am' **592**

'Lord of Glory' **707**

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 'Abide, O Dearest Jesus' **539**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Worship Assistants: July 2

Greeters: Mason – Sharon & Bob Meier
East – Kathy Lanska

Assisting Minister: Ron Williams

Lector: Gene Krull

Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

Ushers: Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce
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Attendance 7/2: 58

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Rose Zinck & Dorothy Henke.

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; Val 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.

“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

Wednesday Bible Study: A combined Grace & Trinity bible study is being held on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. The study is based on the revised common lectionary texts which are used by Grace each Sunday at worship. Treats and coffee are shared in addition to lively conversation about the scriptures.

The **Church Office** will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4. Enjoy your Independence Day!

Homeless Connections *27th Annual Garden Walk*
Saturday, July 15 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Pre-event ticket price: \$15 / Day-of ticket price: \$20
Visit www.homelessconnections.net to purchase tickets or for more information.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, June 2**.....9:00 a.m. Worship
- Monday, July 3**.....Office Closed
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tue, July 4**.....Office Closed
- Wed., July 5**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thu., June 29**.....10 a.m. Salvation Army
- Friday, June 30**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, July 1**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, July 2**.....9:00 a.m. Worship

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.*