

# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 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**

'Come, Ye Thankful People, Come' vs 1 & 2	<b>693</b>
'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' vs 1 & 2	<b>733</b>
'Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee' vs 1 & 2	<b>836</b>

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## **Greeting**

### **Opening Litany**

- A Let all who would labor for the Lord gather together this day!
- C For the harvest is ripe and the workers are few.**
- A The wheat must be separated from the weeds in the fields.
- C Let us proclaim the Word of the Lord that all might hear.**
- A Let our hearts sing out the praises of almighty God!
- C Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

- P Let us pray  
Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen**

*Be seated.*

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 44:6-8

- <sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to  
come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

<sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

### **Second Reading**

Romans 8:12-25

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the

whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**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 13:13-30, 36-43

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

*Be seated.*

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*'Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast'*

**516**

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### **Apostles' Creed**

p. 105

### **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**



## Hymns at the Distribution

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 146
<i>'As the Grains of Wheat'</i>	<b>465</b>
<i>'We Plow the Fields and Scatter'</i>	<b>681</b>
<i>'Sing to the Lord of Harvest'</i>	<b>694</b>

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## 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

*'On What Has Now Been Sown'* **550**

### Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Prayer Huddle

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## **Worship Assistants: July 23**

**Greeters:** Mason – Verla Koerner / Sue Anderson  
East – Mary Boldt

**Assisting Minister:** Mandie Klauer

**Lector:** Brian Klauer

**Communion:** Marty Grow

**Ushers:** Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce  
Learman

**Hospitality:** Sieg - - Ice Cream Social

**Accompanist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 7/23: 47**

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

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

***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; Lorraine Phelps.

***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](http://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 is Sunday, August 13. 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](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D44AEAB23A5FF2-gods)

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

### **Brat Fry for Kayaks for Kamp**

[Proceeds will purchase kayaks for Crossways Pine Lake Camp.]

Friday, July 28 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Darboy Festival Foods: East College Ave – Appleton

Brats / Hamburgers \$3.00; Hotdogs \$2.00

### **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.

All are invited to the **18th annual Interfaith Gathering** on Sunday, August 6 at 3:00 pm. The "Under the Tent" event will again be hosted by the Fox Valley Islamic Society. The Mosque is south of Neenah, one mile east of Highway 41 on County Road G. An estimated 250 people of faith will gather for presentations and discussion from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The event will close with a feast and fellowship. Please RSVP at **[fvis.interfaith@gmail.com](mailto:fvis.interfaith@gmail.com)**

## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sunday, July 23</b> .....	9:00 a.m. Worship <i>NO PICNIC</i>
<b>Monday, July 24</b> .....	7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
<b>Tue, July 25</b> .....	6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
<b>Wed., July 26</b> .....	9:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. TLC Worship 6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
<b>Thu., July 27</b> .....	6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds
<b>Friday, July 28</b> .....	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
<b>Saturday, July 29</b> .....	9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
<b>Sunday, July 30</b> .....	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.*