

# **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

*July 30, 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**

'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!' vs 1 & 6	<b>634</b>
'God of Grace and God of Glory' vs 1 & 4	<b>705</b>
'Crown Him with Many Crowns' vs 1, 4 & 5	<b>855</b>

*Stand as you are able.*

## **Greeting**

### **Opening Litany**

- A Gather in this place where grace would feed our spirit's hunger.
- C We come to feed on the grace God gives.**
- A Gather in this place where Spirit would quench our thirsting for God.
- C We come to drink in the joy of God's presence.**
- A Gather in this place and find the One you seek.
- C We come to meet Christ in company with one another.**
- A We thank you, O Christ, for grace that provides a place for us.
- C Lead us, O Spirit, in our worship and into our living.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

- P Let us pray  
Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen**

*Be seated.*

## **First Reading**

I Kings 3:5-12

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading**

Romans 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of

the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

<sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

<sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God 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 13th chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is

like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**      ‘*Be Thou My Vision*’      **793**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Apostles’ Creed**      p. 105

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands we place all our prayers,  
spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy  
of Christ Jesus.

**C Amen**

## **Peace**

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

*Be seated.*

## **Offering**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Offertory**      ‘*For the Fruit of All Creation*’

**C For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.**

**For these gifts to ev’ry nation,  
thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth’s safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.**

## 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**

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**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 chalice and grape juice in the stoneware chalice. 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'*

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*'At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing'*

**362**

*'Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness'*

**488**

*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**

*'Sent Forth by God's Blessing'*

**547**

### **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **Prayer Huddle**

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## **Worship Assistants: July 30**

**Greeters:** Mason – Mandie Klauer  
East – Nita Williams

**Assisting Minister:** Tom Jensen

**Lector:** Robbie Johnson

**Communion:** Gene Krull

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

**Hospitality:** Sieg – ice cream

**Accompanist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 7/23: 54**

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

***For members on the Care List*** especially Henry Schoenborn and Pastor Jim Seim.

***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; 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.

**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).

**Ugandan Kids Choir:** Wed., August 2 at 6:15 p.m. The First English North Site will host 10 children from Uganda in a concert filled with love and hope.

**GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, July 30**.....9:00 a.m. Worship  
**Monday, July 31**.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting  
**Tue, August 1**.....6:30 p.m. FV Chorus  
**Wed., August 2**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting  
**Thu., August 3**.....  
**Friday, August 4**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
**Saturday, August 5**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
**Sunday, August 6**.....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.*