

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 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.**

Be seated.

Gathering Hymns

'Softly and Tenderly' vs 1 & 3	608
'What a Friend We Have' vs 1 & 2	742
'Give Me Jesus' vs 1, 3, & 5	770

Greeting

Opening Litany

A Jesus said to us, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

C Here I am, Lord. It's been a long week.

A Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

C Thank you, Lord, I really need your help.

A "My yoke is easy," Jesus said, "and my burden is light."

C "Easy" and "light" I can handle, Lord, for this I'm glad I came today.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you, I will set your prisoners
free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my

members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
29Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Be seated.
Sermon

Hymn of the Day ‘*Lord of All Hopefulness*’ **765**

Stand as you are able.

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**

Peace

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

Be seated.

Offering

Stand as you are able.

Offertory ‘*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*’ **184**

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. 144

Lord's Prayer

p. 145

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. Gluten-free wafers are available upon 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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'Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty'

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'Day by Day'

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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

'Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart' vs 1, 3 & 6

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Worship Assistants: July 9

Greeters: Mason – Joy & Dirk DeBraal
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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Ellen Holz and Donny Kassube.

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.

“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

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.

Summer Bible Club has a fine group of around twenty enthusiastic participants from Lincoln School YMCA Aftercare program. Pastor Dan and I have welcomed the students, offering stories, activities and hospitality in Christ's name. The first week we learned all about Jonah, and how he ran away from God. Don't ever do that! You may end up being swallowed by a big fish! The second week we focused on Noah. He really was a great man of God, and did what God asked him to. We all appreciate the covenant God has with us, that he will never flood the world again. The last week was on Joseph's Colorful Coat. This story tells us that God has a plan for all of us if we listen to Him. We are thankful for the cooperation we have between Grace Lutheran and the YMCA program at Lincoln.

Calling All Green Thumbs: Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW-Oshkosh is gearing up for our annual plant giveaway for incoming freshman students this fall. 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. Deliver to the Gathering Place, 620 Elmwood, Oshkosh between Saturday, September 2 & Monday, September 4. Contact Pastor Connie at 231-1168 or connie@lcmosh.org with questions.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, June 9**.....9:00 a.m. Worship
- Monday, July 10**.....6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tue, July 11**...12:30 p.m. Summer School Bible Club
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
- Wed., July 12**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Thu., July 13**.....6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds
- Friday, July 14**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, July 15**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, July 16**.....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.