

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 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

'Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me'	755
'My Faith Looks Up to Thee' vs 1 & 2	759
'Oh, Sing to the Lord' vs 1, 2 & 5	822

Stand as you are able.

Greeting

Opening Litany

A Let us all gather together whose courage is in the Lord.

C The days are long and at times our faith seems weak.

A Let our hearts focus on Christ and let us be bold where we walk.

C In Christ all things are possible for those who have faith.

A Let us lift our voices in song and praise for God's grace!

C Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Be seated.

First Reading

I Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

“What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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 14th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Eternal Father, Strong to Save'

756

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 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 *'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

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Lord's Prayer

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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 available on 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
'Precious Lord, Take My Hand'	773
'When Peace like a River'	785

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

'What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine' **774**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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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.*

Worship Assistants: August 13

Greeters: Mason – Millie, Joe & Lindsey Wilharms
East – Karen Miller

Assisting Minister: Sharon Meier

Lector: Cheryl Muggenthaler

Communion: Ron Bailey

Ushers: Mike Keeney, Phillip Keeney, Joe Wilharms

Preacher: Reverend Jennie Johnson Wrege

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Attendance 8/6: 55

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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; Lorraine Phelps.

For those with cancer especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Roger Schmidt; 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

Tailgating Together! Come to worship on Sunday, August 20 and stay for brats, hotdogs, hamburgers and other tailgate treats including live music! Bring your lawn chairs and sign up on the desk in the gathering space to let us know what side dish you will share. See the August newsletter for more details.

Thank you to Laury Grow and Mary Kruckeberg for washing the windows and cleaning the screens in the sanctuary. They also spent time weeding a large section in the playground. Your help is much appreciated!

Crossways S'mores: Just a reminder that TODAY is the deadline to drop off your Crossways donations. If you wish to make a donation directly to Crossways, you make contact Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer at: 920-882-0023. Thank you for your generous support of the Ministry of Crossways.

The East Central Synod is searching for a **Financial Administrator**. A job description and additional details can be found on the desk in the gathering area. Compensation is commensurate with experience. This is a .5 FTE position. Resumes are due by August 31.

Hospice Volunteers Needed:

- Affinity Visiting Nurses contact Lauren Weir or Leah Patrick at 920.486.2261 or 866.236.5800
- Heartland Hospice contact Amy Sadewater or Nicky Lane at 920.336.6455.
- See the desk in the gathering space for more information.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 13.....9:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, Aug. 14.....6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 15.....10:30 a.m. Worship & Music
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
6:30 p.m. Trinity Council Meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 16.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Grace Council Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 17

Friday, Aug. 18.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Aug. 19.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Aug. 20.....9:00 a.m. Worship
Tailgate Picnic follows worship

Mark
Sunday, September 10
on your calendar for
God's Work, Our Hands Sunday!
Watch for more details.