

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 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.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*'Beautiful Savior'*

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## Greeting

### Opening Litany

A Let us all come together to worship who have known God's mercy.

**C We were unclean yet the Lord loved us and called us to be God's own.**

A In the wonder of God's mercy, room was made in God's kingdom for all.

**C Let us rejoice for surely we have been granted the greatest blessing.**

A Let our voices shout the good news for all the world to hear!

**C Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

### Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray  
God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

*Be seated.*

### First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him,  
to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,

and hold fast my covenant—  
<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of  
prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of  
prayer  
for all peoples.  
<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading**

Romans 11:2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

'Alleluia!'

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 15:21-28

[<sup>10</sup>[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:<sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes,

Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day**

*'We Come to You for Healing, Lord'*

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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 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

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
'There Is a Balm in Gilead'	<b>614</b>
'Amazing Grace'	<b>779</b>
'Oh, for a Thousand Tongues'	<b>886</b>

*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**

*'Jesus Shall Reign'*

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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: August 20**

**Greeters:** Mason – Judy & Dallas Cross  
East – Mary Kruckeberg / Mary Wheeler

**Assisting Minister:** Tom Jensen

**Lector:** Gerry Kerwell

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

***For members on the Care List*** especially Marie Mueller and Ruby Niemuth.

***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!** Stay after worship today for food, fellowship & fun.

**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.

**Fox Valley Lutheran Home Annual Pie, Ice Cream & Silent Auction:** Mark your calendars now for October 1. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help: Pie Bakers, Craft Projects, Woodworking Projects, Paintings, Sculptures, Artisan Work and Business People (or others) to donate items for the Silent Auction especially gift certificates. Contact Becky Luett at 734-7225 to arrange delivery or for more information.

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

**Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Annual Pie, Ice Cream, & Silent Auction:** October 1, 10am to 1pm. We need your help. We are raising money this year for Walk-Thru Tub Inserts. Contact your Connector to get more information or call Becky at 734-7225.

**New Care Coordinator:** Our new Care Coordinator is Cheryl Mahloch. You can reach her on Monday or Thursdays at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, between 8am and 4 pm, at 734-7225, or at [cheryl.fvlhomes@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.fvlhomes@gmail.com). She will be scheduling education programs in the future and will be letting you know about them.

***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.*

## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

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

**Monday, Aug. 21**.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, Aug. 22**.....6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

**Wednesday, Aug. 23**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, Aug. 24**.....9:00 a.m TLC News. Team  
6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds

**Friday, Aug. 25**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

**Saturday, Aug. 26**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
8:30 a.m. FV Chorus

**Sunday, Aug. 27**.....9:00 a.m. Worship