

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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

'Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now' vs 1,2 & 4	527
'Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me' vs 1 & 2	623
'Built on a Rock' vs 1, 3 & 4	652

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Greeting

Opening Litany

A Let all who love the Lord, gather together.

C Let us proclaim Christ throughout the world as the Son of God!

A Let our lives be lived that others might also come to know God's love.

C It was in the cross that God opened the way for our salvation.

A Let our hearts and voices be lifted up in praise for God's love.

C Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your

minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And

I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less'

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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'*

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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 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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'The Church's One Foundation' vs 1, 2 & 5

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'Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me' vs 1 & 2

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'Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus'

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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

'My Life Flows On in Endless Song'

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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 27

Greeters: Mason – Ron Bailey
East – Mary & Tom Jensen

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion: Marty Grow

Ushers: Mike Keeney, Phillip Keeney, Joe Wilharms

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 8/20: 48

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In Prayer this Week

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

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

Thank you!

Our Tailgate Picnic was a huge success! Thanks to Carey Mackesy and Robbie Johnson for their masterful organizing and serving up a wonderful meal. The brats and hamburgers were grilled to perfection. They had all the fixings one could want. Thanks to Costco for the beautiful cake! Thanks to all of the Grace members who brought the great food. Thanks to Chuck Kruckeberg for his fantastic live music. Also thanks to all who stayed and enjoyed the Tailgate Picnic.

Grace is looking different!

Have you noticed that the parking lot doesn't have the huge holes anymore? Thanks to Gary Schroeder for organizing this project. Have you noticed that the playground is missing the weeds and has a new layer of bark? Thanks for Tom Jensen for getting the bark ordered. How about those floors? The parking lot stairs, hall and narthex are shining again. Thanks to Mike Keeney, Mary Kruckeberg and Laury Grow for all their hard work.

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

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 the Pie, Ice Cream & Silent Auction on October 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Your help is needed: 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. Money raised will go to purchase Walk-Thru Tub inserts. Thank you for your support.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 279:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, Aug. 287:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 296:30 p.m. FV Chorus

Wednesday, Aug. 309:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. TLC Worship

6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 31

Friday, Sept. 19:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Sept. 29:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Sept. 39:00 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.*