

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2017

Order of Worship 9:00 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

836

Fox Valley Lutheran Home Choir

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.**

Greeting

Opening Litany

A Jesus withdrew from the people to be by himself.

C Lord, when the crowds followed you, you had compassion on them and healed their sick.

A Jesus' disciples wanted to send the people away, so that they could buy food for themselves.

C Lord, you told the disciples to feed the people, even though they had only five loaves and two fish.

A Jesus took the loaves and fish and blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them for people to eat.

C More than five thousand people ate that day, and twelve baskets were filled with the leftovers. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is
not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of
Israel, for he has glorified you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

“In Christ Alone”

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Choir

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying;
my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have
great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut
off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my
kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites,

and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those

who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Break Now the Bread of Life'

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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

"We Are an Offering"

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Choir

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Offertory *'All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly'* vs 1

**C All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.**

Come from wilderness and wand'ring.

**Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
All around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

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 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

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 146
<i>'Come, Let Us Eat'</i>	491
<i>'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ'</i>	674
<i>'O Living Bread from Heaven'</i>	542

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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 'We Are Marching in the Light' 866
Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Choir

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Worship Assistants: August 6

Greeters: Mason – Gerry & Ed Kerwell
East – Phyllis & Gary Schroeder

Assisting Minister: Becky Luett

Lector: Carey Mackesy

Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

Ushers: Mike Keeney, Phillip Keeney, John Wilharms

Accompanist: Anita Golz

Attendance 7/30: 67

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.

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Rose Zinck and Dorothy Henke.

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.

We offer Christian sympathy to Deb Baumbach on the death of her sister Robyn Messenger. Robyn's funeral was on August 5 in Australia. Please keep Deb and her family in your prayers.

"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 watch for a sign up sheet 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: A "wish list" of items needed for Crossways Camping Ministries is displayed in the narthex (or on their website 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. Thank you for your generous support of the Ministry of Crossways.

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**.

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GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, Aug. 6**.....9:00 a.m. Worship
- Monday, Aug. 7**.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday, Aug. 8**.....6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
6:30 p.m. Board of Education
- Wednesday, Aug. 9**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, Aug. 10**.....6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds
- Friday, Aug. 11**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, Aug. 12**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, Aug. 13**.....9:00 a.m. Worship