

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2017

9:00 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

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Gathering Hymn

'As We Gather at Your Table'

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Greeting

Opening Litany

A Let us come together in the loving Spirit of the Lord.

C Let us set aside all that might draw our hearts away from Christ.

A Let nothing this day keep us from lifting our hearts to the Lord.

C In Christ we are one church; let our witness of love be true.

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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Be seated.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the

member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'God, When Human Bonds Are Broken'

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Stand as you are able.

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

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 God of life,

C you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 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' p. 146

'Love Divine' **631**

'Blessed Assurance' **638**

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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 *'On Our Way Rejoicing'* **537**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Worship Assistants: September 10

Greeters: Mason – Karen & Eugene Krull
East – Robbie Johnson Family

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Lois Hilger

Communion: Ron Bailey

Ushers: Joe Wilharms, Lindsey Wilharms, Dave
Wiese, Jon Seidl

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 9/3: 47

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; 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

God's Work Our Hands: TODAY!

On Sunday, September 10, Grace will participate in the ELCA's God's Work Our Hands. Grace has three options this year. Option 1 is to help out at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes with a cleaning project in the basement. There are chicken wire storage units for each resident. Over the years the chicken wire has gotten rather dirty. Bring a shop vacuum and help clean this area. Option 2 will be a variety of cleaning projects around Grace Lutheran. Bring cleaning supplies that you would like to use. Option 3 is a craft project for the residents at the King Veterans Homes. Come to worship at 9:00 on the 10th and then join us for God's Work Our Hands.

Mark Your Calendars from the Grace Board of Education

- *Rally Day* – September 17
 - Sunday School from 9:25 - 10:25 a.m.
- *Backpack Blessing* – September 17
- *Adult Forum on "Reformation: The Word at Work"* – begins on September 17

Grace is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles. The last day to place your order is November 5.

The Gathering Place: Lutheran Campus Ministry is looking for students who are attending the UW Oshkosh or another nearby school of higher education. Please send any student referrals to Connie Weise at connie@lcmosh.org or 920.231.1168 or As expansive as Christ's love, campus ministry reaches out to all inviting them to experience the journey of following Jesus.

FVLH Annual Pie, Ice Cream & Silent Auction: October 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from Sharon Meier or Becky Luett. \$10 per person or \$30 per family. Silent Auction donations are also being accepted; Contact Becky Luett at 734-7225 to arrange delivery of donations or for more information. Money raised will go to purchase Walk-Thru Tub inserts. Thank you for your support.

Quilting starts again on Tuesday, September 12 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. each week. Donations of thread, yarn and sheets are appreciated.

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GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 10.....9:00 a.m. Worship
God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

Monday, Sept. 11.....

6:30 p.m. Joy Circle

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 12.....8:30 a.m. Quilting
6:00 p.m. Student/Parent Confirmation Mtg.
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

Wednesday, Sept. 13.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 14.....10a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese
6:30 p.m. TLC Singers Practice
6:30 p.m. Board of Ed Mtg.

Friday, Sept. 15.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, Sept. 16.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Sept. 17.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:25 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship
Installation of Teachers & Blessing of Children at both services. Blessing of the Backpacks at 10:30 a.m. only.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Please stand by our neighbors as they begin the long road to recovering from Hurricane Harvey, one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade.

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with disasters in the Gulf Coast area. Recovery efforts are expected to take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

By mail: *Make checks payable to
Hurricane Response - United States
and send to:*
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

By phone: *Call **800-638-3522** to make a donation with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.*

By Website: Visit ELCA website at **ELCA.org** and click on **"Give Now"**