

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

8:30 A.M.



## WELCOME TO GRACE

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

*Stand as you are able.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

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### Gathering Hymn

*'When Morning Gilds the Skies'*

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### Greeting

*Be seated.*

**Hymn of Praise** *'This Is My Father's World'* **824**

### Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

### First Reading

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20th chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After

agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

*Be seated.*

**Sermon**

*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, 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'*

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**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**

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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 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**

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 146
<i>'Take My Life, That I May Be'</i>	<b>685</b>
<i>'Give Me Jesus'</i>	<b>770</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** *'Rise Up, O Saints of God!'* **669**

### **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

### **Prayer Huddle**

**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.*

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## **Worship Assistants: September 24**

**Greeters:** Mason – Cory & Mike Keeney  
East – Ray & Mary Hubers

**Assisting Minister:** Becky Luett

**Lector:** Becky Luett

**Communion 8:30:** Marty Grow

**Communion 10:30:** LuAnn Seidl

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

**Hospitality:** Judy McCarty

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 9/17:** 8:30 am – 52 & 10:30 am - 35

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch:** 9/7 – 87 students  
9/14 – 123 students

## ***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**

### **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.

### **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.

**Church Office Hours:** As a reminder the church office is staffed for Grace from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. from Monday through Thursday. The church building itself is open between 8:30 & 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If no one answers the phone, please leave a message and either Sarah Bultman or Pastor Dan will return your call. If you have an emergency, please call Pastor Dan directly at 920-594-2015. Remember you can email Sarah at [grace54914@gmail.com](mailto:grace54914@gmail.com) or Pastor Dan at [pastordanluett@gmail.com](mailto:pastordanluett@gmail.com).

## Hurricane Relief

Please stand by our neighbors in Florida and Texas as they begin the long road to recovering from the hurricanes that have recently affected them.

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**"

## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Sept. 24**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, Sept. 25**.....7:30 p.m. AA Meeting  
6:30 p.m. FVC Board Meeting

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**.....8:30 a.m. Quilting  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. TLC Seeds Team Mtg.  
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, Sept. 28**.....10a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese  
9:00 a.m. Trinity Newsletter Team  
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers Practice  
6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds

**Friday, Sept. 29**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, Sept. 30**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

**Sunday, Oct. 1**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship