

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017

Order of Worship 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 'Lord of All Hopefulness' **765**

Greeting

Opening Litany

A Let us gather together with open hearts before the Lord.

C Let us set our fears aside and know God's presence.

A Let God's love be in our midst and let us love God and each other.

C Let God's love flow beyond these walls into all the world around us.

A Let God's love be heard as we lift our voices in song and praise.

C Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow

your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Be seated.

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my
persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is
worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *'Jesus, Still Lead On'* **624**

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Apostles' Creed p. 105

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'* **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 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
'Let Us Break Bread Together'	471
'Day by Day'	790
'How Great Thou Art'	856

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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 *'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'* **656**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Worship Assistants: September 3

Greeters: Mason – Carol & Ralph Sievert
East – Roger Schmidt

Assisting Minister: Mark Balkman

Lector: Laurie Lease

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Attendance 8/27: 62

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Henry Schoenborn and Pastor Jim Seim.

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

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

- *God's Work Our Hands* – September 10
- *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.

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. 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.

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.

High School Grilled Cheese Lunches begin this Thursday, September 7. New volunteers are welcome. Preparations begin at 10:00 a.m.

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

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, Sept. 3**.....9:00 a.m. Worship
- Monday, Sept. 4**.....**Office Closed for Labor Day**
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday, Sept. 5**.....6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
- Wednesday, Sept. 6**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. TLC Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, Sept. 7**.....10a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese
6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds
- Friday, Sept. 8**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, Sept. 9**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, Sept. 10**.....9:00 a.m. Worship
God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

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.