

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2020

9:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome



stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

silence for reflection

P Merciful God,

C we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.

P Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn 'What Child Is This' **296**

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

please be seated

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a

flock.” ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things

according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia' p. 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in

his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 'Love has Come' **292**

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Apostles' Creed p. 105

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Peace *The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".*

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory ‘Infant Holy, Infant Lowly’ **276**

Offering Prayer

A Generous God,

**C you have given us life, this community,
and these gifts of the earth that become
the meal of your grace. Move in our
hearts, that we might use your gifts to
bring hope and blessing wherever we go,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving p.152-153 & p. 132

Lord’s Prayer p. 134

please 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 larger
portion and grape juice in the smaller portion of the
challis. Gluten free wafers 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. 154

‘Away in a Manger’ **277**

‘O Little Town of Bethlehem’ **279**

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Emmanuel, God with us,

**C you grace us with life and breath and give
us bread for the journey. Send us out in**

service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen.

Blessing

P Grace from God's own heart, peace from the Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

C Amen

Sending Hymn

'Good Christian Friends, Rejoice'

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Dismissal

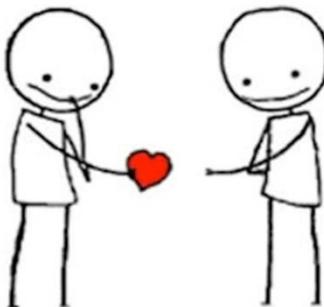
A Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Semi-Annual Meeting

Prayer Huddle



Pay it forward

Worship Assistants: January 5

Greeters: Mason – Mary & Ray Hubers
East – Karen Miller

Assisting Ministers: Ron Williams

Lector: Marilyn Catlin

Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

Ushers: Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce Learman

Accompanist: Lois Hilger

Attendance 12/29/19: 9:30 – 56

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 12/26/19: No School

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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 Ellen Holz.

For Healing 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; Margaret Congdon; Mike VerKuilen; Lloyd Learman; Charlotte Endorf; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev; Jim Marks; Darlene, Linda Grebe's mom; Judy Cross; Tom Muggenthaler; Gene Krull; Ole Olson; Gerry Kerwell; Joyce; Ken and Edna; Paula.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Louie Dumke; Sam Strong; Barb; Megan Scovronski.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (422-1090) 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.

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Announcements

Thank you for **signing the card** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

Check out the **Grace Web Site** www.gracelutheranappleton.org for updated information about our congregation. We also have a feature – Daily Devotions. Every day a new devotion is on our website. Check them out!

Snow shoveling is upon us once again. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. Can you help? It really helps for everyone to know it is taken care of. Thank you in advance for all the help.

Once again it is the **season of snow**. In case of extreme weather, Grace will announce any closures thru the radio on WHBY 1150 AM and thru the TV on station WBAY (ABC).

The **Semi Annual Congregational Meeting** will be January 5th (**TODAY**) after the 9:30 am worship service at approximately 10:30 am. At this meeting, the 2020 budget will be presented for approval.

2019 End of year Statements will be available before January 31, 2020. Please watch for your statement when the time comes. By law we have to mail out any that are over \$600.00 if not picked up.

If you give through your bank, remember to update your **envelope number**, in the account Section, to your **2020 envelope number**. If you haven't picked up your 2020 envelope, please do so today.

GRACE VISITORS The care team is looking for 2-3 people who are willing to meet and develop a friendly relationship with a less mobile member of our church family. As we age, we tend to stay home more, and that can get quiet and lonely...or just boring. The care team would match you with one individual who you would visit once a month and perhaps send a card or call them an additional time each month. That's all. Please contact Sharon Meier, 739-4291, for more information. You are needed!

Devotional Books for 1st quarter 2020 are on the table in the narthex. Please take one if interested.

FVLH would like to invite ALL people who enjoy singing to consider joining the choir at FVLH. We practice on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30. We sing at the monthly worship and communion service at FVLH held at 9:30 AM on the 1st Thursday of each month. We make a Joyful Noise! No auditions required!

Call Becky Luett (920-594-2016) if you have questions. Rehearsals to start back up after Christmas break on January 16.

LOAVES & FISHES MEAL: 5:30-6:30pm, Mon., Wed. & Fri. nights at St. Therese Parish Activity Center. Dining room opens at 5pm. Parking off Summer Street. Entrance at East end of the building through the double glass doors. FREE meals are for anyone. Volunteers needed to help 10:15am. All are welcome!

Call 920-750-0964 or email staff@loavesandfishesfv.org.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, Jan 5** 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 am Congregational Meeting
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship
- Monday, Jan 6**7:30 pm AA Meeting
- Tuesday, Jan 7**8:30 am Quilters
10:30 am W & M Mtg
- Wednesday, Jan 8** 9:00 am Bible Study
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, Jan 9**10:30 am Grilled Cheese
10:00 am -1:00 Salvation Army
- Friday, Jan 10** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, Jan 11**9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, Jan 12** 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

