

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 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, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

C Amen.

P As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God who searches us and knows us,

C you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Gather Us In'

532

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

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head

like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation

were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 'Christ, Be Our Light' **715**

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Apostles' Creed p. 105

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Peace *The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you". (If you are not feeling well, please do not shake hands but rather use other appropriate greetings.)*

please be seated

Offering

Offering Hymn (During the offering)

'We Come to the Hungry Feast' **479**

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Offering Prayer

A God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

C Amen

Great Thanksgiving

p.152-153 & p. 132

Lord's Prayer

p. 134

please 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. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins. Those who wish to receive laying on of hands please remain at the altar rail. You may continue kneeling or standing.

Hymns at the Distribution

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| 'Lamb of God' | p. 154 |
| 'Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service' | 712 |
| 'You Satisfy the Hungry Heart' | 484 |

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Faithful God,

C you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C Amen

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Other Music:

Prelude - "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" by Karen Lafferty, arranged by Fred Bock

Postlude - "This Ol' House" arranged by Fred Bock

Grace has been gifted with a lovely set of hand bells. If you would be interested in finding out about the possibility of forming a handbell choir here at Grace, grab your coffee and snack and meet Becky in the Martin Beyer room at 10:45 after worship today! Give Becky a call if you are interested but can't come, at 920-594-2016. Thanks!



SHELTER. SUPPORT. SOLUTIONS.

During **Lent** we will be collecting items for Pillars. Each Sunday in Lent we will also have a noisy offering to help Pillars serve those in need. Bring your loose change.

Items we are collecting are listed in the February Newsletter.

Worship Assistants: February 9

Greeters: Mason – Millie, Joe & Lindsey Wilharms
East – Mandie Klauer

Assisting Ministers: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion: Gene Krull

Ushers: Joe Wilharms

Accompanist: Becky Luett

Attendance 02/02/20: 9:30 – 56

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 01/30/20: 77

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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 Dorothy Henke.

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; Bob Clauson; Karen Bramer's father.

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!

The Music/Worship Committee would like to have Congregational Song Leaders to help lead the singing. These individuals would rotate like the lectors do. If you are interested, please talk to Becky. Thanks!

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).

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.

During this cold and flu season, there is now **hand sanitizer** by the front pew if you would like to use it before communion.

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on February 26. We will have a worship service at 6:30 pm that day. We are not having Lenten Midweek services here at Grace.

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, Feb 9** 9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 6:00 p.m. Potter’s House Worship
- Monday, Feb 10**7:30 pm AA Meeting
 6:30 pm Joy Circle
- Tuesday, Feb 11**8:30 am Quilters
- Wednesday, Feb 12** 9:00 am Bible Study
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, Feb 13**10:30 am Grilled Cheese
 10:00 am- 1:00 pm Salvation Army
- Friday, Feb 14** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, Feb 15**9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, Feb 16** 9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:30 am Sunday School
 6:00 p.m. Potter’s House Worship