

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 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 'What Is This Place'

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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

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your

God that I am commanding you today, by loving

the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and

observing his commandments, decrees, and

ordinances, then you shall live and become

numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in

the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if

your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are

led astray to bow down to other gods and serve

them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish;

you shall not live long in the land that you are

crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call

heaven and earth to witness against you today that I

have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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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 5:21-37

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone

who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'God of Mercy, God of Light'

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Apostles' Creed

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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.)*

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Offering Hymn

'Take My Life, That I May Be'

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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

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

Lord's Prayer

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Special Music

Sunday School Children

Children's portion

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

Sending Hymn

'Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word'

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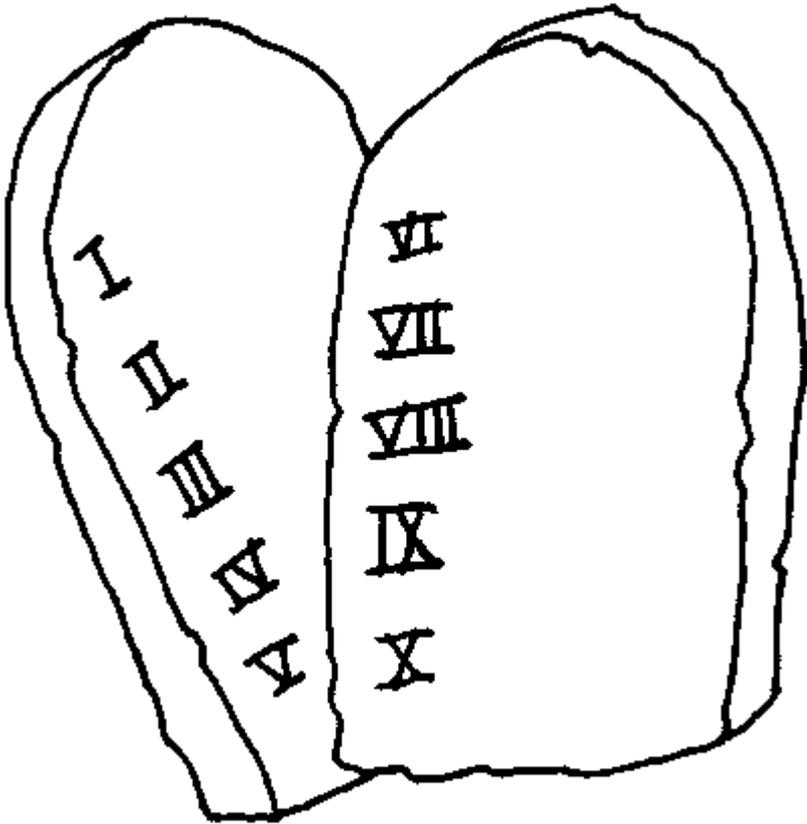
Dismissal

A Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle



Worship Assistants: February 16

Greeters: Mason – Ron Bailey
East – Mary Kruckeberg/Mary Wheeler

Assisting Ministers: Ron Williams

Lector: Ron Williams

Ushers: Joe Wilharms

Presiding Officiant: Robbie Johnson

Accompanist: Anita Golz

Attendance 02/09/20: 9:30 – 46

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 02/06/20: 64

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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 Donny Kassube.

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.

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.

Midweek Lenten Services will be held in Linwood Commons at **FVLH** at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays, March 4,11,18,25 and April 1

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.



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.

AAA Batteries

Air Freshener – Plug ins or Non Aerosol Spray

Air Mattresses (New)

Alcohol-free Mouthwash

Bath Towels and or Wash Cloths

Chicken Broth

Chips

Coffee Creamer (powdered or single serve)

Coffee

Cough Drops

Crackers

Digital Alarm Clocks

Dish Soap and Hand Soap

Dixie Cups

Flip Flops (Adult and Child Sizes)

Garbage Bags 13, 39, or 55 Gallon

Granola Bars

Juice

Napkins and Paper Plates and Toilet Paper

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb 16 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Monday, Feb 177:30 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 188:30 am Quilters

Wednesday, Feb 19 9:00 am Bible Study
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, Feb 2010:30 am Grilled Cheese

Friday, Feb 21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Feb 229:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Feb 23 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

