

Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018
8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Merciful God,

C you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

P Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'

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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

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for

an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong

in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Acclamation ‘We are turning, Lord’ p. 205

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit

their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

‘Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross’

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Apostles’ Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen**

Peace

The people greet one another saying: ‘Peace be with you’.

Please be seated

Offering

Stand as you are able

Offertory

‘Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us’ vs 1

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Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

C receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

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.

Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God'

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'Jesus Loves Me!'

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'What Wondrous Love'

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

A Compassionate God,

C you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Benediction

P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace.

C Amen

Closing Hymn

'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

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Dismissal

A Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Worship Assistants: February 25

Greeters: Mason – Nita Williams
East – Mary and Tom Jensen

Assisting Minister: Deb Baumbach

Lector: Gene Krull

Communion 8:30: Marty Grow

Communion 10:30: Judy Cross

Ushers: Larry Baumbach, Mike Keeney, Phillip
Keeney, Joe Wilharms

Organist: Wendy Dearborn

Attendance 02/18/18: 8:30 am-49 & 10:30 am-19

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 02/15 119

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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 and Marie Mueller.

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; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Ruby Niemuth; Raylene Houterman;

For those with cancer especially Ellie; 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.

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Announcements

It has not snowed a lot so far this year! We still need to be ready when it comes. Please consider signing up to keep the sidewalks clear. Thank you!

Apartments for Rent: 1 & 2 BR apartments available immediately at Linwood Place. Call Becky (734-7225), John (419-5754), Brian (840-3578) to arrange a tour. Plan for the future also! Get on our waiting list if you're thinking of a move in the future.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes: Needs people to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and on the Mission & Ministry Committee. Call Becky (734-7725) for information

Adult Forum is **TODAY** at 9:40 am. We will be looking at "Living the Toughest Teachings of Jesus."

Check it out!!!!

Grace Web Site www.gracelutheranappleton.org for new pictures of our Sunday School Students in action. We also have a new feature – Daily Devotions. Every day a new devotion is on our website. Check them out!

The Lenten Season is here. We will have a midweek Lenten Service starting at 6:30 pm. Thank you to Pastor Brian Bankert from Trinity who will be leading the services.

Please don't forget to **sign the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

EPIC 2018

Equipping People in Congregations will be held in Shawano on March 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Kris Stache, a professor from Wartburg Seminary, will present "Congregations, Creativity, and Leadership: Embracing the Unknown." You are invited to explore ways to join in, and embrace, the creative work of the Spirit in and through your congregation. As leaders in the church and your communities, how do we begin to discern and trust God's activity in and amongst us? How do we lead when we don't know where we are headed? Plus there are eleven workshops to choose from. You can attend three different workshops. Lunch is included. All for \$15.00! Registration deadline is February 26th!

Don't forget to direct **Choice Dollars thru Thrivent** for grant funding. If you have Choice Dollars available, you have until March 31, 2018 to direct your dollars. Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" or go online to Thrivent.com/thrivent choice to learn more.

Thank you, Wendy Dearborn, substitute organist, for being here today. We appreciate you being here. Wendy will also play for a service at 10:30 in Kaukauna.

Sunday 10% Giveback Program-Go to Texas Roadhouse in Appleton on Sunday with your church's bulletin or newsletter and they will donate 10% of your food purchases back to the church.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, Feb 26..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 p.m. FVC Board Mtg

Tuesday, Feb 27..... 8:30 a.m. Quilting
6 pm Confirmation
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
6:30 p.m. TLC Council Mtg

Wednesday, Feb 28..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, Mar 1.....10:00 a.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch

Friday, Mar 2..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Mar 3..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Mar 4..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship