

Third Sunday in Lent
March 4, 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

'Built on a Rock'

vs 1, 3 & 4

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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

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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

Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit

anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

I Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the

wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

'We are turning, Lord'

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple,

and in three days I will raise it up.”²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?”²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

‘Oh, That the Lord Would Guide’

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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 2

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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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'Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed'

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'I Am the Bread of Life'

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Stand as you are able

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

'God of Grace and God of Glory'

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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: March 4

Greeters: Mason –Ralph Sievert
East – Mary Kruckeberg

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Carey Mackesy

Communion 8:30: Dennis Prignitz

Communion 10:30: Luann Seidl

Ushers: Joe Wilharms, Lindsey Wilharms, Dave
Wiese, Jon Seidl

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 02/25/18: 8:30 am–51 & 10:30 am-19

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 02/22 109

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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 Ruby Niemuth and Gladys Prahl

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; Marian Breitenfeldt; Enid Andrews.

For comfort to the family of Roger Schmidt at his passing and going home to be with The Lord.

“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.

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. Any questions can be directed to Susan Pringnitz as she has helped people do it.

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.

Lunch and Learn about the benefits of good spinal health at **Fox Valley Lutheran Homes** Mon Mar 12th 11:00 am. B'well Chiropractic will provide information and a light lunch will be served. Please RSVP by Mar 5th to Cheryl at 734-6711.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



Fish farm

\$250.00

Give your neighbor a fish, and they'll eat for a day. Give your neighbors a community fish farm, and they'll eat for a lifetime.

DON'T FORGET - HELP US FILL GOD'S SILO

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, Mar 5 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 TLC Bible Study

Tuesday, Mar 6 8:30 a.m. Quilting
6 pm Confirmation
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
7:00 p.m. Board of Ed

Wednesday, Mar 7 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. W&M Meeting
5:15 p.m. Rooted
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, Mar 8.....10:00 a.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch

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

Saturday, Mar 10..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Mar 11..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship

****Daylight Savings time begins****