

Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020
9:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Temple Talk

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C Amen.

P If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

C Amen



Pillars

Gathering Hymn

'Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me'

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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, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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 12:1-4a

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation 'We are turning' p. 205
We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind— slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

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

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16th "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17th "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

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Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'There's a Wildness in God's Mercy'

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through 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.)*

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Offering (Noisy & Regular)

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Offertory 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

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Offering Prayer

A Holy and generous host,

**C you set a table where we feast as friends.
Prepare us to witness to your goodness
with every gift you have given us to
share, that all people may know your
peace through Jesus Christ, now and
forever. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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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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**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world
away; you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world
away; you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world
away; eternal peace with God you made: give
us your peace, we pray.**

'That Priceless Grace'

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'Lamb of God'

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A We thank you, living God,

C for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Blessing

P Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, † bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C Amen

Sending Hymn 'In the Cross of Christ I Glory' 324

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Other Music:

Prelude is "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by William M. Runyan, arranged by Phillip Keveren.

Offertory is "Flight of the Bumblebee" by N. Rimsky-Korsakov (or excerpts.)

Postlude is "Majesty" by Jack Hayford, arranged by John Purifoy.

Worship Assistants: March 8

Greeters: Mason – Karen & Gene Krull
East – Robbie Johnson family

Assisting Ministers: Lois Hilger

Lector: Robbie Johnson

Communion: Deb Werth

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

Accompanist: Becky Luett

Attendance 03/01/20: 9:30 – 61

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 02/27/20: 70

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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 Orville Klitzke.

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!

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).

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

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

Grace has been gifted with a lovely set of hand bells. There is a **Handbell Choir** formed here at Grace. Rehearsals will be at 8:15 am on Sundays so meet Becky in the Martin Beyer room. Give Becky a call if you have any questions, at 920-594-2016. Thanks!

Save your change!!!

Each Sunday in Lent we will have a noisy offering to help Pillars serve those in need. Bring your loose change.

Please consider joining the **Women of the ELCA** at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2330 E. Calumet St. Appleton for our Appleton Conference Spring Event on Saturday March 21, 2020 from 8-1 pm.

Conference Cost: Adults \$15 and students 18 and under \$10

**Make checks payable to WELCA-Prince of Peace
Send registration by March 7 to Leslie Fens 1833 E.
Hulke Dr. Appleton, WI 54915. Email
fens4usa@att.net**

Registration forms are available on the bulletin board by the parking lot entrance and the table in the narthex.

THE ALTAR GUILD will be ordering Easter flowers to decorate the chancel area for the Easter season. You are invited to help with the cost of the flowers by giving a suggested gift of \$10 or any amount you choose. Checks are payable to Grace Lutheran Church and mark your gift "Easter Flowers". Use the order form in the Newsletter or sign up sheet on the desk. Order deadline is Sunday April 5.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Mar 8 8:15 am Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 am Lenten Forum
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Monday, Mar 97:30 pm AA Meeting
6:30 pm Joy Circle

Tuesday, Mar 108:30 am Quilters

Wednesday, Mar 11..... 9:00 am Bible Study
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, Mar 1210:30 am Grilled Cheese
10 am – 1:00 pm Salvation Army

Friday, Mar 13 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Mar 149:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Mar 15 8:15 am Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 am Sunday School
10:35 am Lenten Forum
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship



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