

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 11, 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**

'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'

**759**

## **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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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**

Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it

upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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 3rd chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel**

John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“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.

<sup>17</sup>“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. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** ‘God Loved the World’ **323**

*Stand as you are able*

**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 **707**

**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'	p. 208
'That Priceless Grace'	<b>591</b>
'Amazing Grace'	<b>779</b>

*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** 'Lift High the Cross'

**660**

## **Dismissal**

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **Prayer Huddle**

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

We are looking for volunteers to be Assisting Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. The lists are shortened as people adjust their lifestyles. All of the positions are done on a rotational basis. The more we have the less often the same person needs to be responsible. Assisting Ministers and Lectors rotate weekly and the Ushers rotate monthly. Please prayerfully consider this as your mission. Guidance will be given. If you can help, please let Pastor Dan or any council member know. Thank you for your consideration.

**Worship Assistants: March 11**

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

**Assisting Minister:** Larry Baumbach

**Lector:** Robbie Johnson

**Communion 8:30:** Ron Bailey

**Communion 10:30:** Deb Werth

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

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 03/04/18:** 8:30 am–55 & 10:30 am–19

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 03/01/18** 129

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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 Pastor Jim Seim and Rose Zinck.

***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; Rylene Houterman; Ken Johnson

***For those with cancer*** especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Marian Breitenfeldt; Enid Andrews.

***For comfort*** to the family of Henry Schoenborn 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**

**The Altar Guild** will be ordering Easter lilies 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 March 25.

**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!

**The St. Timothy Lutheran Church Players present:  
"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"**

**March 11 at 2:00 PM**

**March 16 and 17 at 7:00 PM**

**March 18 at 2:00 PM**

**Doors open 1 hour prior to the show!**

**Seating is first come, first served**

**Admission is a free will offering.**

**Location: St. Timothy Lutheran Church**

**473 Seventh Street, Menasha**

**(across from Menasha High School)**

**[www.sttimlc.org](http://www.sttimlc.org)**

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

**The Lenten Season** is here. We have a midweek Lenten Service starting at 6:30 pm. Thank you to Pastor Brian Bankert from Trinity who is 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](http://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.

## **GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD**



### **Piglet**

\$30.00

It doesn't take long for a tiny piglet to grow to 200 pounds or more. **And when this not-so-little piggy goes to the market, it's worth a pretty penny.**

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

## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

**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\*\***

**Monday, Mar 12**..... 6:30 pm Joy Circle  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, Mar 13**..... 8:30 a.m. Quilting  
6 pm Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus  
6:30 pm Seeds Mtg

**Wednesday, Mar 14** ..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, Mar 15**.....10:00 a.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch  
6:30 pm TLC Singers Practice

**\*\*\*Newsletter items due\*\*\***

**Friday, Mar 16**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, Mar 17**..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
Little Dresses for Africa - Lyons

**Sunday, Mar 18**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship