

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 15, 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, 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**

**Gathering Hymn** 'Give Me Jesus'

**770**

## **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

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock,

and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**Special Music**

"Here I Am to Worship"

Handbell Choir

**Second Reading**

Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**Gospel Acclamation** 'We are turning' p. 251

**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 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*please be seated*

**Holy Gospel** John 4:5-42

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him,

"Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." <sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day**

'Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty'

**777**

*stand as you are able*

#### **Apostles' Creed**

p. 105

#### **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**

*please be seated*

**Offering** (Noisy and Regular)

*stand as you are able*

**Offertory** 'Create in Me a Clean Heart' **186**

**Offering Prayer**

A Holy and generous host, 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.

**C Amen**

**Great Thanksgiving** p. 206-207

**Lord's Prayer** p. 208

*please be seated*

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Communion, this morning, will be by intinction. The ushers will direct you to the front, first the pulpit side and then lectern side. Come up using the center aisle and return by the side aisle. Wine will be in the larger portion and grape juice in the smaller portion of the chalice. Gluten free wafers available by request. 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

**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.**

'Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways' **772**

'One Bread, One Body' **496**

*stand as you are able*

### **Table Blessing**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**A** We thank you, living God, 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.

**C 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**

'Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness' **843**

### **Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

### **Prayer Huddle**

**Worship Assistants: March 15**

**Greeters:** Mason – Carol Aldinger  
East – Kathy Lanska

**Assisting Ministers:** Laury Grow

**Lector:** Laury Grow

**Communion:** Gene Krull

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

**Accompanist:** Becky Luett

**Attendance 03/08/20:** 9:30 – 65

**Grilled Cheese Lunch: 03/05/20:** 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 Marian Breitenfeldt.***

***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; Terry Noack.

***For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Louie Dumke; Sam Strong; Barb; Megan Neuber.***

***"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.

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!

During this cold and flu season and COVID-19, 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

### **Save your change!!!**

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

**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.

### **Other Music:**

Prelude: "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" arranged by Mark Hayes

Offertory: "Near the Cross" by William H. Diane, arranged by Chris Addison

Postlude: "Scherzo, Op. 16, No. 2" by Felix Mendelssohn.

## GRACE FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, Mar 15**..... 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 16** .....7:30 pm AA Meeting

**Tuesday, Mar 17** .....8:30 am Quilters

**Wednesday, Mar 18**..... 9:00 am Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting  
6:30 pm Council

\*\*\*\*\*Newsletter Articles Due\*\*\*\*\*

**Thursday, Mar 19** .....10:30 am Grilled Cheese  
9:00 am Appleton Conference

**Friday, Mar 20** ..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, Mar 21** .....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

**Sunday, Mar 22** ..... 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

