

Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019
8:30 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 gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C Amen

P In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

silence for reflection and self-examination

P God at the margins,

C We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen

P Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the

sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'

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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

Lenten Litany

A God of love, your Son Jesus longs to gather us as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. God of love, gather your whole church, your whole world, together

C to self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament.

A Holy God, lead us and gather us. Cultivate, embrace and call us. Renew us in this holy season through your Son, Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Kyrie 'Have Mercy on us, Lord'

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation 'We are Turning, Lord'
(spoken)

**C 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. Luke, the
13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for

me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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**

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Here us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Peace *The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".*

please be seated

Offering

stand as you are able

Offertory 'Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful' **182**

Offering Prayer

A Generous God,

**C you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need.
Receive our gifts of money, imagination,
and labor, and transform them into a feast
that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our
host and our guest. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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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
challis. 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

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'Just As I Am'	592
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'Word of God'	510

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

A Tender and merciful one,

C at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Benediction

P God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, † bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

C Amen

Closing Hymn

'God Be with You Till We Meet Again'

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

*******Change to scheduled event*******

This event from **Sunday March 10th** will continue this week:

What's your favorite pie? Color "a Piece of Pie" (\$\$\$\$ - Your choice) and let us know. All entries will be part of a drawing on March 31st and the winner will get a free pie/gift certificate to take home.

Worship Assistants: March 17

Greeters: Mason – Carol Aldinger
East – Kathy Lanska

Assisting Minister: Becky Luett

Lector: Becky Luett

Communion 8:30: Gene Krull

Communion 10:30: Luann Seidl

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

Pianist: Lois Hilger

Attendance 03/10/19: 8:30 - 32 10:30 - 5

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 03/07/19 – 85

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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 Ellen Holz.

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; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Lloyd Learman; Charlotte Endorf; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev; Jim Marks; Darlene, Linda Grebe's mom; Judy Cross; Debra Ragen; Tom Muggenthaler; Jim Deckert.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Carol Baumbach; Dottie Frankie; Kristi Meier; Jeannie Monfils; Karen Krull.

“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

Thank you for **signing the card** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

There is a **sign up sheet** on the table in the narthex, which goes weekly, if you can **help clear the sidewalks** after a snowfall. Anything anyone can do to help would be appreciated.

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).

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes: Apartments for rent: 1 BR & 2 BR; Call Becky or Katie at 734-7225.

Sandy Yerxa is starting a branch of **Quilts of Valor (QOV)** at Grace. She needs the names of those that have served and during what years and what war. If you could let the office know or Sandy directly at 716-7728 as we gather this information.

Lenten Adult Forums **Starts today**

During Lent we will be having Adult Forms around 9:30 AM each Sunday there is no Second Sunday Conversations. That would be on March 17, 24, 31 and April 7th. We will be using the five lessons in the Lenten Study Guide from the ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving.

The invitation to Lent is an invitation to journey with Chris to the cross, to remember our dependence on God and to gaze with faith toward the resurrection to come. May God bless your Lenten journey and may your practice of the discipline of Lent enrich your faith. You are welcome to take one of the Lenten Study Guides whether or not you are planning on attending the Adult Forum. Please come and join us!

Lent 2019

Our congregational Lenten journey includes an opportunity to raise awareness and money to support world hunger. Our goal: \$1000.00 to date we have raised \$270.00.

'Til all have a piece of the pie:

Each week there will be an opportunity to add to our goal of \$1000.00 to world hunger.

Sunday **March 17th** It's a pie contest. Take a good, close look at the pies baked by 5 of Grace's bakers. Then donate to 'Til All Have a Piece of the Pie by "voting" for the pie you think is #1 by placing your donation in the container next to each pie. The pie with the highest donation wins.

March 24th Using mathematics the symbol "Pi" is 3.14 and we are asking each member give **\$3.14** from your family; increase your gift by giving \$3.14 per family member; per pet, etc. it's up to you!!!

March 31st Save your change and Let's make some noise!! Bring your change from home and offer it as part of the NOISY OFFERING as it is collected in metal pie tins at the beginning of worship.

Remember: **LOTS OF NOISE!**

April 7th Smell the bacon? Smell the sausage? Smell the coffee? It's Breakfast Pizza morning served up between worship services. Enjoy a slice or two while supporting the work of World Hunger.

Don't forget as you clean out your closets to save items for Grace annual **Rummage Sale** May 31st and June 1st.

Sat April 13th 8:00am -1:00pm is the **Women of the ELCA Appleton Conference 2019** Spring event at St. Mark's in Neenah. Details are be posted on ecsw.org website. Flyers and registration forms are also on the table in the narthex.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 17 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Forum
10:30 am Worship

Monday, March 187:30 pm AA Meeting
****Newsletter Articles due*****

Tuesday, March 19..... 8:30 am Quilting

Wednesday, March 209:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 am Worship FVLH
6:30 pm Worship
6:30 pm Council
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, March 21..... 10:00 am Grilled Cheese

Friday, March 22 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, March 239:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Sunday, March 24 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Forum
10:30 am Worship

Lent 2019

Grace will be having three mid-week Lenten services. We will worship at 6:30 pm on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with special services. Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday will include Holy Communion. Please join us as we prepare for Easter Sunday with the 40 days of Lent. Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm there is also worship at Grace lead by Trinity Lutheran Church. Come and join us!