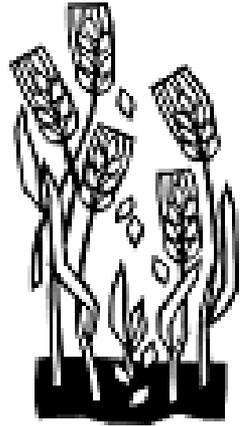


Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018
8:30 A.M.



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

'Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church'

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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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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**

Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 12th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told

Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'As the Sun with Longer Journey'

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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'	p. 208
'I Want Jesus to Walk with Me'	325
'Chief of Sinner Though I Be'	609

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 'Beneath the Cross of Jesus' **338**

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 –Carol Aldinger
East – Kathy Lanska

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Brian Klauer

Communion 8:30: Gene Krull

Communion 10:30: Judy Cross

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

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 03/11/18: 8:30 am–52 & 10:30 am-18

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 03/08/18 132

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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 Marion Breitenfeldt and Marv Wrege.

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 VerKuilten; Rylene Houterman; Ken Johnson

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

For comfort to the family of Ruby Niemuth, Diane Bailey's mother, who passed away peacefully Mar 12th.

“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

EASTER LILIES will be used to decorate the chancel area during 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". Putting your envelope # on it is helpful. There is a sign up sheet on the desk. Order deadline is next Sunday March 25.

We still need to be ready **when snow 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 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)

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 on Wednesday's starting at 6:30 pm. Thank you to Pastor Brian Bankert and Trinity. Pastor Dan will lead this Wednesday service.

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.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



Rooster

\$15.00

Add a rooster to the chicken coop, and help the farm grow! More chickens on the farm mean more eggs to eat and sell at the market.

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

The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play will be at Xavier Fine Arts Theatre at Xavier High School 7:00 pm March 22, 23, 24 and 1:00 pm March 24 & 25. There is a flyer on the table in the narthex for more information and a flyer on the bulletin board by the back door.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, Mar 18**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship
- Monday, Mar 19**..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday, Mar 20**..... 8:30 a.m. Quilting
6 pm Confirmation
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
6:30 pm TLC Council Mtg
- Wednesday, Mar 21** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:15 pm Rooted
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Thursday, Mar 22**.....10:00 a.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch
6:30 pm TLC Singers Practice
- Friday, Mar 23**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, Mar 24**..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, Mar 25**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:40 Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. Worship