

Third Sunday in Lent
March 24, 2019
8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Crossways Presentation

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

'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'

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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 reconciliation, your Son the gardener cares for the fig tree, protecting and cultivating it, feeding it and giving it more time to bear delicious and valuable fruit. God of reconciliation, cultivate us

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with

most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation 'We are Turning, Lord'

C (spoken) **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 13:1-9

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them,

“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them— do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” ⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ‘Jesus, Still Lead On’ **624**

stand as you are able

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

*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

‘O Living Bread from Heaven’ **542**

‘Amazing Grace’ **779**

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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

'Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross'

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle



The branch
cannot bear
fruit by
itself,
unless
it abides
in the vine.

John 15:4

Worship Assistants: March 24

Greeters: Mason – Joy & Dirk DeBraal
East – Sharon & Bob Meier

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion 8:30: Marty Grow

Communion 10:30: Luann Seidl

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

Pianist: Anita Golz

Attendance 03/17/19: 8:30 - 51 10:30 - 20

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 03/14/19 - 117

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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 Donny Kassube.

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

During Lent we will be having Adult Forums around 9:30 AM each Sunday there is no Second Sunday Conversations. That would be on March 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 \$582.70.

'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.

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. Additional information will be available in the April Newsletter.

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.

2nd quarter 2019 Devotional Books are available on the table in the narthex.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, March 257:30 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 26..... 8:30 am Quilting
6:00 pm Confirmation

Wednesday, March 279:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 am Worship FVLH
6:30 pm Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, March 28..... No Grilled Cheese

Friday, March 29 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, March 309:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Sunday, March 31 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Forum
10:30 am Worship

Lent 2019

Grace is having mid-week Lenten services. We will worship at 6:30 pm on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with special services. 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!