

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 7, 2019
8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome
Crossways Temple Talk

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

'Beneath the Cross of Jesus'

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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 mercy, Mary sat at Jesus' feet, anointed them with costly perfume, and wiped them with her hair. God of mercy, call us to Jesus' feet to spend our lives loving him and call 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

Kyrie 'Have Mercy on us, Lord'

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the

righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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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 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus

said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

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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

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Offertory 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

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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

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Lord's Prayer

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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'

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'I Am the Bread of Life'

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'My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less'

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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

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle



Worship Assistants: April 7

Greeters: Mason – Joy & Dirk De Braal
East – Verla Koerner/Sue Anderson

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion 8:30: Dennis Pringnitz

Communion 10:30: Deb Werth

Ushers: Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 03/31/19: 8:30 - 49 10:30 - 26

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 03/28/19 – No School

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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 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; 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 Meiers; 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.

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 during Lent. 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!

EASTER FLOWERS 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". There is a sign up sheet on the desk or a form in the April Newsletter. Order deadline is next Sunday April 14.

Lent 2019 Till All have a Piece of the Pie

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 \$1097.32. Let's see how far over our goal we can go!

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.

Grace is having **mid-week Lenten services**. We will worship at 6:30 pm on Maundy Thursday April 18th and Good Friday April 19th with special services. Maundy Thursday will include Holy Communion. Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm there is also worship at Grace lead by Trinity Lutheran Church. Come and join us!

Easter is April 21st with worship service at 8:30 am and 10:30 am. **Easter Breakfast** will be at 9:30 am. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Kairos Prison Ministry is having a Meet and Greet Saturday, April 13, 2019... 1:00-3:00pm Valley Baptist Church, 3600 N Chippewa, Appleton (Intersection Hwy. 41 and 47/Richmond Street)

On Sunday **April 14th 10:30 am** the Youth/Family service will start in the PAC with a processional into church. This is only for the 10:30 am service.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, April 7** 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
9:30 am Breakfast "PIE"
9:30 am Adult Forum
10:30 am Worship
- Monday, April 8**7:30 pm AA Meeting
- Tuesday, April 9** 8:30 am Quilting
10:00 am W&M Mtg
- Wednesday, April 10**9:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 am Worship FVLH
6:30 pm Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, April 11**..... 10:00 am Grilled Cheese
10:00 am -1:00 pm Salvation Army
- Friday, April 12** 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, April 13**9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship
- Sunday, April 14**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Forum
10:30 am Youth/Family Worship

GOD
is faithful