

John the Baptist
June 24, 2018
9:00 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

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Gathering Hymn

'On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry'

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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

Opening Sentences

A In the lonely places of the wilderness where we stand forlorn, windswept and alone, your voice calls out

C Prepare a way for the Lord.

A In the shadows of the dark places where we hide our fears and embrace our tears, your voice calls out

C Prepare a way for the Lord.

A As the rising sun comes to us each dawn

C shine upon those who live in darkness

A that all might know the joy of our salvation, the forgiveness of sins

C and your great mercy.

A For the desert places in which we walk, the streets we roam, the paths we cross,

C guide our feet, take us to places where you would go.

A Give us words that you would use so we might point the way with John the Baptist

C to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

Almighty God, by your gracious providence your servant John the Baptist was born to Elizabeth and Zechariah. Grant to your people the wisdom to see your purpose and the openness to hear your will, that the light of Christ may increase in us, 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

Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Second Reading

Acts 13:13-26

¹³Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem; ¹⁴but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it." ¹⁶So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak:

"You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. ¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance ²⁰for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. ²¹Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. ²²When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.' ²³Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised; ²⁴before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵And as John was finishing his work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong

of the sandals on his feet.'

²⁶"My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:57-80

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." ⁶¹They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." ⁶²Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” ⁸⁰The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ‘By All Your Saints’ **421**

vs 1 (By all your saints. . .)

vs 14 (We praise you for the Baptist. . .)

vs last (Give praise to God. . .)

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Peace

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

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Offering

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Offertory

'Blessed Be the God of Israel' vs 3 **250**

Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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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.154
'Comfort, Comfort Now My People'	256
'Shall We Gather at the River'	423

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

- A Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
C **you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen**

Blessing

Sending Hymn 'Prepare the Royal Highway' **264**

Dismissal

- A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Worship Assistants: June 24

Greeters: Mason –Nita Williams
East – Mary Wheeler

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion: Marty Grow

Ushers: Marty Grow, Laury Grow, Brian Klauer,
Kathy Lanska

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 06/17/18: 9:00 - 59

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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.*

We are still looking for a **Board of Property chairperson**. This is an immediate need. Please prayerfully consider and let Pastor Dan know.

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Gladys Prah and James De Braal.

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 VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Lloyd Learman; Donny Kassube; Carol Baumbach; Charlotte Endorf.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Marian Breitenfeldt; Drew Gilbert; Kenny Verdegan.

“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

Please don't forget to **sign the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

Ruby's Pantry is a faith based organization that is for everyone who eats. It is not government funded. You can receive one portion (this equals 2 laundry baskets full of food) for every \$20.00 spent and you can get more than one portion, just bring extra baskets for your food. There is some information available on the **table in the narthex**. Even if you don't need everything they offer, it can be shared with people who can use it like our Faith In Action bags.

There is a sheet on the table in the narthex to sign up to bring **treats for fellowship** after the service. Can you help? Sign up today.

3rd quarter Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home devotional books are available on the table in the narthex. **Pick yours up today!!**

Worship and Church Picnic August 19th – **Save the date!** Accordionist Karen Krull will provide special music at 9:00 a.m. worship. Then we will have a picnic with music by Chuck Kruckeberg. We will have a sign up sheet when it gets closer to the picnic for you to help bring some items.

Watch for more information on the **Blessing's Box for food and books** coming up in the future.

There are copies of the **2017 Annual Report** and minutes from the last meeting that was presented June 10th at the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting in the rack on the **table in the narthex**. At the meeting, Mark Balkman was approved as the chairman of the Board of Finance.



Lunch & Story Adventures

July 31 - August 30, 2018

Tuesdays & Thursdays

11AM - 1PM

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ALL CHILDREN WELCOME THROUGH AGE 17

To Register
Email Office@trinityappleton.com

FREE LUNCH WITH STORY ADVENTURES

We have a banner for the **Lunch and Story Adventures** on the chain link fence. Take a look! They are working on a listing of all the wonderful things volunteers can do to help. Making lunches, baking items, reading to the children to just name a few. We will keep you posted as details are finalized.

Senior programs and services: Do you wonder what Outagamie County offers for our aging citizens? Meet in Linwood Commons at FVLH June 25 at 11:00 to learn about programs for yourselves or a loved one. **That's tomorrow!** It's free but a phone call is appreciated to prepare seating. Just leave a message at 920-734-7225.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 24	9:00 a.m. Worship
Monday, June 25	7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
Tuesday, June 26	6:30 p.m. FV Chorus 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm Summer School Bible Club
Wednesday, June 27	9:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Council 6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
Thursday, June 28	
Friday, June 29	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
Saturday, June 30	9:00 a.m. Hmong Service 6:30 p.m. Potter's House Worship
Sunday, July 1	9:00 a.m. Worship

