

Second Sunday after Epiphany January 15, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence for reflection and self-examination

P Loving God,

C we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves

than others; we have thought less of

ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children.

Amen

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of, † Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen**

Gathering Hymn

'O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!' vs 1-4 **308**

Greeting

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Be seated.

Opening Litany

A Come, Lord.

C **Come be light for our path and a lamp in our darkness.**

A Come, Lord.

C **Fill our days with song and our nights with blessing.**

A Come, Lord.

C **Deepen our prayers for others and quicken our steps to do justice.**

A Come, Lord.

C **Enlighten our worship and bless us with peace.**

Prayer of the Day

P Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he
named me.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and
vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his
servant, to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you
should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the
nations, the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves, because of the LORD, who is
faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has
chosen you.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

I Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord

Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia' p.151

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel John 1:29-42

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that

day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

Be seated.
Sermon

Hymn of the Day *'Drawn to the Light'* **593**

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Apostles' Creed p. 105

Prayer of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Peace

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

Be seated. An offering is gathered.

Offering

Stand as you are able.

Offertory

'As with Gladness Men of Old' vs 1 & 3

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Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

C receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

pp. 152-153

Lord's Prayer

p. 154

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. 154

'This Little Light of Mine'

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'O Day Full of Grace'

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(use Alternate text for stanzas 2-4)

Stand as you are able.

Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A O Morning Star, fair and bright,

C you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now –

today, tomorrow, every day –

that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen

Benediction

P The God of glory dwell in your richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen

Closing Hymn *'Arise, Your Light Has Come!'* **314**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Worship Assistants: January 15

Greeters: Mason – Carol Aldinger & Bonne Planner
East – Luann Seidl & Jonathon Seidl

Assisting Minister: Deb Baumbach

Lector: Deb Baumbach

Communion: Gene Krull

Ushers: Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce
Learman

Organist: Diane Bailey

Hospitality: John DeVoll-Donaldson

Attendance 1/8: 8:30 a.m. 60
10:30 a.m. 27

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch 1/5: 111

Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. Fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate to share your contact information and any needs. There is also a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.

Grace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*By grace, through faith, we follow God's Word, share the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring hope to others through **worship, education and outreach.***

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Marie Muller and Ruby Niemuth.

For those in Hospice Care especially Earl Breitenfeldt.

For Healing for 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 was hospitalized this past week.

For those with cancer especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Robyn Messenger, Deb Baumbach's sister; and Roger Schmidt.

In Thanksgiving for God's faithfulness.

"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.

Announcements

The Appleton Conference Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, February 4, 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Menasha. Each congregation is entitled to two delegates from their congregation to attend, one male and one female and vote on grants that will be distributed from the dues that each congregation donates. In 2017, \$18,000 will be distributed for various local mission projects at the meeting. Are you willing to serve as a delegate for Grace? Contact Cheryl Muggenthaler

Hospitality Volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the table in the gathering area if you are willing to provide treats between services.

The Heart of the Valley Optimist Club donated \$500 to the High School Grilled Cheese Lunch as a part of the distribution of remaining funds after almost 40 years of funding youth activities and projects.

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GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 15.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

Monday, Jan. 16.....2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus Board Mtg
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 17.....8:30 a.m. Quilters
2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
4:30 p.m. TLC Council Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

Wed., Jan. 18.....9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study
2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. TLC Worship
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study

Thursday, Jan. 19.....2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers
7:00 p.m. Trinity Ringers

Friday, Jan. 20.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, Jan. 21.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
8 a.m. Little Dresses for Africa

Sunday, Jan. 22.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)