

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 22, 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

'Dearest Jesus, at Your Word'

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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 We enter this place of worship in search of
light to guide our way.

C **We seek the light that will bring us joy.**

A We come because we have seen the light afar
off and desire to come closer.

C **We want to join with others in walking in
the light.**

A We worship so our light may shine and draw
others to God's light.

C **In Christ, the light has come into the
world, the bright expression of God
among us.**

ALL Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

I Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among

you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of
death light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent,
for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two
brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his
brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were
fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I
will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they
left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from
there, he saw two other brothers, James son of
Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their
father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called
them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their
father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their
synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the
kingdom and curing every disease and every
sickness among the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore'

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Stand as you are able.

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

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 154
<i>'Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult'</i>	696
<i>'I Want to Walk as a Child'</i>	815

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 *'Shine, Jesus, Shine'* **671**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Worship Assistants: January 22

Greeters: Mason – Verla Koerner & Sue Anderson
East – Mary Boldt

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Cheryl Muggenthaler

Communion: Marty Grow

Ushers: Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce
Learman

Organist: Diane Bailey

Hospitality: Nieft Family

Attendance 1/15: 8:30 a.m. 62
10:30 a.m. 21

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch 1/12: 94

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.

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Gladys Prah and Henry Schoenborn.

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.

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 all those who answer the call to follow Jesus.

“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

Welcome Pastor Jean DeVoll-Donaldson who is serving as our preacher and presider today. Pastor Jean is the Director of Evangelical Mission for our synod. She and her husband, John, are members of Grace.

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.

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes is hosting a two part program dedicated to understanding Dementia. What is normal memory loss? How do you recognize Dementia? These and many other questions will be addressed. The first session will be Monday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Linwood Commons. the second will be held Monday, March 13 at 10:30 a.m. These classes are free, but we do request you call to register. Please call Mon-Thu 734-7225. This program is sponsored by the Fox Valley Memory Project.

The C-O-N-N-E-C-T dining group will meet on **Sunday, Jan. 29, between 5:30-6:30 P.M.** at Macs, W3192 County Road KK, in Appleton (in Darboy, next to Kohls in the strip mall). There is no sign up necessary. This macaroni and cheese shop features a bucket of noodles with any toppings (meat or salad) you prefer. Prices start at \$7.00. Some of you may have a coupon in the Valpac that came out recently. Seating is not reserved, but we'll meet and eat, and enjoy the time.

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.***

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GRACE FOR THE WEEK

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)

Monday, Jan. 23.....2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours
3:30 p.m. AWHS Dance Team
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 24.....8:30 a.m. Quilters
2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours
3:30 p.m. AWHS Dance Team
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

Wed., Jan. 25.....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

Thur., Jan. 26.....10:00 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch
2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours
3:30 p.m. AWHS Dance Team
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers
7:00 p.m. Trinity Ringers

Friday, Jan. 27.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Jan. 28.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Jan. 29.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)