

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 27, 2019**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**WELCOME TO GRACE**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**



*stand as you are able*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls, who unites us and sends us.

**C Amen**

P Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

*silence for reflection and self-examination*

P Mighty and loving God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen**

P Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives". In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**C Amen**

## Gathering Hymn 'God, Whose Almighty Word 673

### Greeting

P Arise, shine; for your light has come.  
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*

### Call to Worship

A Arise, shine, for your light has come,

**C and the glory of the Lord has risen upon  
you.**

A You, creator God, brought light out of the  
primeval dark.

**C You, protector God, marched before your  
people as a pillar of light in the desert  
night.**

A Your glory shone from the face of your Son,  
Jesus,

**C who alone could say, "I am the light of  
the world."**

A We would save him as our guiding star!

**C We would follow him wherever he might  
lead us!**

### Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy  
scriptures to be written for the nourishment of  
your people. Grant that we may hear them,  
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,  
that, comforted by your promises, we may  
embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of  
eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**C Amen**

## First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

I Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third

teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation** (*tune ELW 301*)

**C As a star, God's holy word leads us to our King and Lord; brightly from its sacred pages shall this light throughout the ages shine upon our path of life, shine upon our path of life.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 4:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

'Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness'

**843**

*stand as you are able*

### **Apostles' Creed**

p. 105

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love through 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** *(tune ELW 302)*

**C As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our cost-liest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.**

## Offering Prayer

A God of all creation,

**C all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**Great Thanksgiving** p. 144

**Lord's Prayer** p. 145

*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. 146

'God Extends an Invitation' (*sing twice*) **486**

'One Bread, One Body' **496**

'O Zion, Haste' **668**

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## Table Blessing

### Prayer after Communion

A We thank you, O God,

**C that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build**

**one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### **Benediction**

P The God of glory dwell in you 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. Christ is your light.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

### **Prayer Huddle**

The **Appleton conference annual meeting** will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. It will be held here at Grace. This is where you come in. **WE NEED HELP!** There is help needed in the kitchen to help set up and get ready that day. We will be asking for some light items to serve that day (rolls, fruit, etc...). We also need 2 members from our congregation to represent Grace. Watch for more details as they become available. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Muggenthaler.

**Worship Assistants: January 27**

**Greeters:** Mason – Verla Koerner/Sue Anderson  
East – Mary Boldt

**Assisting Minister:** Tom Jensen

**Lector:** Cheryl Muggenthaler

**Communion 8:30:** Marty Grow

**Communion 10:30:** Deb Werth

**Ushers:** Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce  
Learman

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 01/20/19:** 8:30 - 45    10:30 - 22

**Grilled Cheese Lunch: 01/17/19** – No Cheesers

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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.

***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.

We have been very fortunate in the lack of snowfall so far this season. 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.

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).

**Are you thinking about becoming a Member of Grace?** We are planning a new member Sunday in February. All interested in joining Grace are invited to gather **TODAY** at 9:30 in Pastor Dan's Office. If you have any questions see Pastor Dan.

The **QUILTING GROUP** **needs some help**. They have an abundance of material and fabric but need help pulling it all together. Help is needed in sewing the tops and bottoms together which can be done at your home with all materials provided. They might even have an extra sewing machine for you to use. They also meet on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 am - 11:30 pm or any time in between to sew and tie all the quilts. The quilts get donated overseas thru Lutheran World Relief. If you would like time to enjoy others company and be part of this amazing giving or if you have questions, please let Susan Pringnitz know at 920-284-2074.

**Fox Valley Lutheran Homes:** Apartments for rent: 1 BR & 2 BR; Call Becky or Katie at 734-7225.

There is a **sign up sheet** on the table in the narthex to sign up to **bring treats** for hospitality time between services. Please help and sign up today.

## GRACE FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, January 27** ..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 am Sunday School  
9:30 am New Member Class  
10:30 am Youth/Family Led Worship

**Monday, January 28** ..... 7:30 pm AA Meeting

**Tuesday, January 29** ..... 8:30 am Quilting  
10:00 am W&M Meeting  
6:00 pm Confirmation

**Wednesday, January 30** .....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 pm Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, January 31**.....10:00 am Grilled Cheese

**Friday, February 1** ..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, February 2** .....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

**Sunday, February 3** ..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

