

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 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

'Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove'

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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.

Stand as you are able.

Opening Litany

A Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C By day and night he shines for all to see.

A God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

C so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

A Jesus is the light of the world.

C Jesus is the light of our lives.

A Sing to God a new song!

C A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

I Corinthians 3:1-9

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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 5th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to

judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.'³⁴ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the

great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 'O Christ, Our Hope' **604**

Stand as you are able.

Apostles' Creed

p. 105

Prayer of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

'O God, My Faithful God' **806**

'O Master, Let Me Walk with You' **818**

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

Be seated.

Farewell and Godspeed

Stand as you are able.

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 *'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'* **656**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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Worship Assistants: February 12

Greeters: Mason – Millie, Joe & Lindsey Wilharms
East – Bonne Planner

Assisting Minister: Larry Baumbach

Lector: Carey Mackesy

Communion: Ron Bailey

Ushers: Larry Baumbach, Mike Keeney, Phillip
Keeney & Joe Wilharms

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 2/5: 8:30 a.m. 55
10:30 a.m. 21

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch 2/2: 123

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 Adeline Elias and Dorothy Henke.

For those in Hospice Care especially Earl Breitenfeldt and Adeline Elias.

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; Val Sieg; Joyce Asman living at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes.

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

In Thanksgiving for community in Christ.

"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

Today is **Pastor Vicki Fink's last Sunday at Grace**. Please plan to stay for a reception after the 8:30 service to honor her and bid her farewell. **Fill out a Transition Treasure** if you haven't done so already and place it in the offering plate during the service this morning. We give thanks for all the good that came out of the past year!

Good News! **Pastor Dan Luett** has accepted the call extended by Grace and will begin March 1st. Services will be led by Mark Balkman next week and Pastor Kathryn Schreitmueller the next Sunday. As good-byes and hellos are said, may God's grace abound.

PIZZA KING, 800 E. Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton, is the destination for the **C-O-N-N-E-C-T dining group** on **Sunday, Feb. 19, at 5:00 P.M.** We have reserved their FREE, extra, room for this. Sign up on the desk by February 12. Pizza is on the menu, but you can make a sandwich, salad or wrap with any of their ingredients. Come, join in the fellowship.

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

Are you cleaning or reorganizing? Remember that Grace has a **rummage sale** every spring. Please save your gently used goodies for Grace's annual sale.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 12.....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, Feb. 13.....3:30 p.m. AWHs Dance Team
6:30 p.m. Joy Circle
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 14.....8:30 a.m. Quilters
3:30 p.m. AWHs Dance Team
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

Wed., Feb. 15.....9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. TLC Worship
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study
March Newsletter Deadline

Thur., Feb. 16.....10:00 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch
3:30 p.m. AWHs Dance Team
6:30 p.m. Grace Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers
7:00 p.m. Trinity Ringers

Friday, Feb. 17.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Feb. 18.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Feb. 19.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)