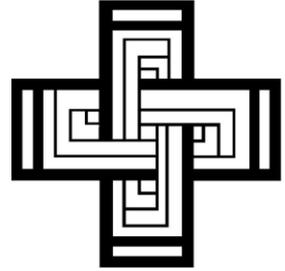


**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 19, 2017**

*Order of Worship*  
*8:30 & 10:30 A.M.*



**WELCOME TO GRACE**

*'Whoever sings prays twice'*  
St. Augustine

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L 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**

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

*silence for reflection and self-examination*

L 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**

L 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**

### **Peace**

L Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us  
forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
all.

**C And also with you.**

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

*Be seated.*

### **Gathering Hymn**

*'Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee'*

**836**

**Worship Note:** *Praise is the joyful response to the incomparable gift of God in Jesus Christ, and so is dominant in Christian worship.*

*With gladness, God is praised in song, for the gift of God's grace brings joy.*

## Greeting

L 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.**

## Opening Litany *(from Psalm 147)*

A How good it is to sing praises to our God;

**C for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**

A The Lord builds up the devastated and gathers  
the outcasts,

**C heals the brokenhearted and binds up  
their wounds.**

A Great is our God, and abundant in power;

**C God's understanding is beyond measure.**

A Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving and make  
melody,

**C for God takes pleasure in those who hope  
in this steadfast love.**

## Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray.

Holy God of compassion, you invite us into  
your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to  
love our enemies, and transform our words  
and deeds to be like his through whom we  
pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

## Song *(Tune ELW 661)*

**C Let music tell the story,  
to spread throughout the earth,  
of Advent's watchful waiting,  
and Jesus' holy birth;  
Dark Lent, bright Easter morning,  
glad alleluias ring,**

**at Pentecost the Spirit inspires  
us all to sing!**

Refrain:

**Let music tell the story,  
praise God in heavn's glory,  
Let music tell the story,  
of Jesus and His love.**

**Let music tell the story,  
for eager ears to hear,  
Salvations' song each morning,  
of grace throughout the year;  
Come to God's presence singing,  
like angels near God's throne,  
With grateful prayers and voices,  
we worship God alone.** Refrain.

**Worship Note:** *With hearts and voices filled with praise,  
we sing the story of Jesus birth, life, death and  
resurrection.*

### **(10:30) Children's Message**

*Following the message, children are dismissed to the playroom.*

### **First Reading**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

<sup>9</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup>You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall

not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

R The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**Hymn** 'Holy Spirit, Enter In' vs 1 & 3

**786**

***Worship Note:*** *With God's Spirit dwelling in us,  
we belong to Christ.*

*Building on this strong foundation is for our benefit  
as we share Christ's love with others.*

**Second Reading** I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

<sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

<sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are God's temple and

that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

<sup>18</sup>Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. <sup>19</sup>For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

"He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

<sup>20</sup>and again,

"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

<sup>21</sup>So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, <sup>23</sup>and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

R The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation** 'Alleluia' p.151

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel** Matthew 5:38-48

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>38</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love

your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day**

*'Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love'*

**708**

***Worship Note:*** *God's people respond with love and forgiveness.*

*Stand as you are able.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

p. 105

*Be seated.*

## **Offering**

*(10:30) Offering is placed in plate on table in center aisle.*

*Stand as you are able.*

## **Offertory**

*'Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us' vs 1 & 2*

**707**

***Worship Note:*** *Grateful hearts respond to our Lord's sacrifice on our behalf with material gifts for the church's mission and ministry.*

## Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

**C in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Prayer of Intercession

*Petitions end:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A 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**

## Lord's Prayer

p. 154

## Benediction

L 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**     *'Let All Things Now Living'*     **881**

**Worship Note:** *Old Testament images call all creatures to praise God the Creator.*

*We praise God because God made us and provides for us. Our praise joins that of the entire universe in a song of 'hosanna and praise'.*

## **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 19**

**Leader & Preacher:** Mark Balkman

**Greeters:** Mason – Ron Bailey

East – Mary & Tom Jensen

**Assisting Minister:** Ron Williams

**Reader:** Gerry Kerwell

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

**Organist/Pianist:** Diane Bailey

**Hospitality:** Gerry & Ed Kerwell and Martha Jensen

**Attendance 2/12:** 8:30 a.m. 48

10:30 a.m. 42

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch 2/9:** 95

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## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Donny Kassube and Marie Mueller.

***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; David Lease.

***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 gifted lay members.

**"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**

**Thank you Mark Balkman** for preaching and leading worship today!

**The Ash Wednesday** service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes will be at 6:30 p.m. on March 1. Pastor Dan Luett, Grace's new pastor, will lead the service with Pastor Brian Bankert from Trinity. The two congregations as well as other friends are welcome to join in this beginning of Lenten reflection and renewal.

**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.

**Women of the ELCA Spring Event** will be held on Saturday, April 1 at Gloria Dei in Neenah. Registration materials and flyers can be found on the desk in the gathering area. See Leslie Fens if you have any questions: 915-8983 or [fens4usa@att.net](mailto:fens4usa@att.net).

An **Inaugural Organ Recital** will be held TODAY at 3:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 912 N. Oneida Street. Dr. John Schwandt will be the guest organist.

### ***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 FOR THE WEEK***

**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)

**Monday, Feb. 20**.....9:30 a.m. Altar Committee  
6:30 p.m. FVC Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, Feb. 21**.....8:30 a.m. Quilters  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus  
6:30 p.m. Trinity Council Meeting

**Wed., Feb. 22**.....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

**Thur., Feb. 23**.....10:00 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch  
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers  
7:00 p.m. Trinity Ringers

**Friday, Feb. 24**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, Feb. 25**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

**Sunday, Feb. 26**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)