

# **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

## **February 5, 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**

*'God, Whose Almighty Word'*

**673**

### **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 It is good to be here in God's presence, among  
God's people.

**C It is good to be radiant with the light of  
Christ.**

A We have come to worship with reverence,

**C and to go from here to serve God in the  
world.**

A May our words, our songs, and our thoughts be  
pleasing to God

**C who is our light and our redeemer.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray  
Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 58:1-9a

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced  
righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading**

I Corinthians 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

<sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—  
<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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 5th chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel** Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth

pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

*Be seated.*  
**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**      *'Gather Us In'*      **532**

*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.*  
**Offering**

*Stand as you are able. An offering is gathered.*

## 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

'Drawn to the Light' **593**

'Christ, Be Our Light' **715**

*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 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**    *'Rise, Shine, You People!'*    **665**

## **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 5**

**Greeters:** Mason – Gerry & Ed Kerwell  
East – Phyllis & Gary Schroeder

**Assisting Minister:** Sharon Meier

**Lector:** Sharon Meier

**Communion:** Dennis Pringnitz

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

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Attendance 1/29:** 8:30 a.m. 64  
10:30 a.m. 17

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch 1/26:** 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.*

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

***For members on the Care List*** especially Ellen Holz and Earl Breitenfeldt.

***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 Pastor Dan Luett.

**"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 first Sunday of each month is **Faith in Action Sunday**. Take a green bag from the Gathering Area to fill with non-perishable food items next month.

Good News! **Pastor Dan Luett** has accepted the call extended by Grace and will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Transition Treasures** - Fill out a slip and leave it in the basket on the desk. These blessings from the past year will be presented with the offering next Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Sunday, Feb. 12**, is Pastor Vicki Fink's last Sunday with us. Please plan to stay following the services for a reception to honor Pr. Vicki and bid her farewell. Grace appreciates Pastor Vicki's ministry with us. Greetings of thanks and well wishes may also be expressed with a card.

Come to Grace this **Thursday, February 9** at **6:30pm** to learn about **Seeds for Growth** which is a program for redevelopment. Members of Grace are encouraged to attend.

**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.

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

**Sunday, Feb. 5**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
9:30 a.m. Grace Visitors Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

**Monday, Feb. 6**.....3:30 p.m. AWHs Dance Team  
7:00 p.m. Trinity Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, Feb. 7**.....8:30 a.m. Quilters  
10:30 a.m. Worship & Music Meeting  
3:30 p.m. AWHs Dance Team  
4:30 p.m. Trinity Executive Board Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

**Wed., Feb. 8**.....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. 9**.....10:00 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch  
10:00 a.m. Salvation Army  
3:30 p.m. AWHs Dance Team  
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers

**Friday, Feb. 10**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, Feb. 11**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
1:00-4:00 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus Event in PAC

**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)