

# Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.



## WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*Stand as you are able.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

P During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sins and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*silence for reflection and self-examination*

P Merciful God,

**C you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

P Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C Amen**

### Gathering Hymn

*'O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts'*

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**Greeting**

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*Be seated.*

**Kyrie**

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**Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

**First Reading**

Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah,

because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading**

Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation** 'We are Turning, Lord' p. 205

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

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

**Holy Gospel**

John 4:5-42

*Follow along in the Pew Bible*

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar,. . . and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

'Come to me, All Pilgrims Thirsty'

**777**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Apostles' Creed**

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**Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**Peace**

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

*Be seated.*

**Offering**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Offertory**

*'Create in Me'*

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**Offering Prayer**

A Merciful God,

**C receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Great Thanksgiving**

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**Lord's Prayer**

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*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. 208

*'Eat This Bread' (sing twice)* **472**

*'Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me'* **623**

*'Come, Thou Fount'* **807**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Table Blessing**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

A Compassionate God,  
C **you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
may our fasting be hunger for justice,  
our alms, a making of peace, and our  
prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Blessing**

### **Sending Hymn**

*'Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross'*

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### **Dismissal**

A Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

### **Prayer Huddle**

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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.*

*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.*

## **Worship Assistants: March 19**

**Greeters:** Mason – Carol Aldinger  
East – Kathy Lanska

**Assisting Minister:** Tom Jensen

**Lector:** Cheryl Muggenthaler

**Communion:** Gene Krull

**Ushers:** Joe Wilharms, Lindsey Wilharms, Dave  
Wiese & Jon Seidl

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Hospitality:** Joy DeBraal

**Attendance 3/12:** 8:30 a.m. 53  
10:30 a.m. 25

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch 3/9:** 74

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

***For members on the Care List*** especially Earl Breitenfeldt & Adeline Elias.

***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; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier.

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

**"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**

**Basket of Promise** – Week number four in our Basket of Promise Lenten Project (on March 26) is supplying one NEW sturdy comb, remove packaging. Please do not donate items with religious symbols, messages or your group's name. Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage or imprints of any kind. Place in narthex. Thank you.

A **Special Congregational Meeting** will be held at 9:30am on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the repair or replacement of the elevator.

**Midweek Lenten Services** are being held each Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. These services are a joint venture with Trinity and are being lead jointly by Pastor Dan Luett and Pastor Brian Bankert.

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

**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. *Registrations are due by March 24.* See Leslie Fens if you have any questions: 915-8983 or [fens4usa@att.net](mailto:fens4usa@att.net).



## Habitat Interfaith Build 2017

The Appleton Conference ELCA Churches are teaming up this spring to help with the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build. Members of all Appleton Conference congregations are invited to join six other faith traditions in the Fox Valley to build a house on Meade Street. Our work together will make home ownership affordable for a local family. **Your help is needed** to work on the house, provide support for the workers, and/or provide a lunch for the workers. *No building skills are necessary* to help with the construction.

Construction is scheduled to start on March 28th with completion of the home in early June. The Appleton Conference ELCA Churches has been assigned 8 days for helping with the Interfaith Build. Signing up is easy. Just go to the Sign-up Genius webpage at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4eaeac2da4f58-2017> , or contact Ron Jones at 731-9250 or [rjones5@new.rr.com](mailto:rjones5@new.rr.com).

**Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Board of Directors needs you!** Need minimum of 2, up to 5 lay persons, plus one clergy to serve on Board of Directors. Large number of openings due to health, moving, etc. Contact Darlene Kalfahs at 858-1249 or Becky Luett at 594-2016. Elections will take place at our Annual Meeting on April 29. Please take this opportunity to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. Additional information available through Darlene, Becky, or any board member.

*On Sunday, March 26, 2017,  
during the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
worship services,*

*The Reverend Dan Luett*

*will be installed as the  
Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church,  
Appleton, Wisconsin.*

*In celebration of this occasion, a  
reception will be held in the  
Parish Activity Center  
between worship services.*

*Please join us for worship  
and the reception.*

*All are welcome!*



***Installation***

## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, March 19**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
9:30 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

**Monday, March 20**.....6:30 p.m. FVC Board Mtg.  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, March 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., March 22**.....9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study

**Thu., March 23**....10 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch  
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers  
6:30 Fox Sounds

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

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

**Sunday, March 26**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
*Installation for Pastor Dan Luett at both services.*  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)