

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.



## WELCOME TO GRACE

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Amy Engebose, Bishop's Associate

*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**

*'Lift High the Cross'*

**660**

**Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray  
Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

*Be seated.*

**First Reading**

I Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance,

but the LORD looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.”<sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading**

Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,

“ Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*'We are Turning, Lord'*

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel**

John 9:1-11

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** *'In Christ Called to Baptize'* **575**

## **Installation of Pastor Dan Luett**

*Stand as you are able.*

### **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'*

**188**

### **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**

### **Words of Institution**

### **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. Gluten free wafers are available by request. 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**

<i>'Lamb of God'</i>	p. 208
<i>'We All Are One in Mission'</i>	<b>576</b>
<i>'Be Thou My Vision'</i>	<b>793</b>
<i>'One Bread, One Body'</i>	<b>496</b>

*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**                      *'Borning Cry'*                      **732**

## **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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*Please join us  
for a reception celebrating  
**Pastor Dan's installation**  
in the Parish Activity Center  
following worship.*



## **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 26**

**Greeters:** Mason – Cory & Mike Keeney Family  
East – Ron Bailey

**Assisting Minister:** Ron Williams

**Lector:** Sharon Meier

**Communion:** Marty Grow

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

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Hospitality:** Carey Mackesy, Robbie Johnson & Co.

**Attendance 3/19:** 8:30 a.m. 63  
10:30 a.m. 24

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch 3/16:** 77

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

***For members on the Care List*** especially Dorothy Henke and Donny Kassube.

***For those in Hospice Care*** especially 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** – The final week for Baskets of Promise (on April 2) will wrap up by donating one NEW metal nail clippers (attached file optional), 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.

**THE ALTAR GUILD** will be ordering Easter lilies to decorate the chancel area for the Easter season. You are invited to help with the cost of the flowers by giving a suggested gift of \$10 or any amount you choose. Checks are payable to Grace Lutheran Church and mark your gift "Easter Flowers." Use the order form in the newsletter or signup sheet on the desk. Order deadline is Sunday, April 9.

**Midweek Lenten Services** are being held each Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. These services are a shared 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.

**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. Contact Darlene Kalfahs at 858-1249 or Becky Luett at 594-2016. Elections will be held at our Annual Meeting on April 29. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. Thank you.

## **Habitat Interfaith Build 2017**

The Appleton Conference ELCA Churches asked to help with the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build. 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 required* to help with the construction. Work will start on March 28th with completion of the home in early June. Signing up is easy on Sign-up Genius 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).

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## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, March 26**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
*Installation for Pastor Dan Luett at both services.*

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

9:30 a.m. Reception in the Parish Activity Center

10:30 a.m. Worship

12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

**Monday, March 27**.....6:30 p.m. Board of Ed Mtg.

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, March 28**.....8:30 a.m. Quilters

6:00 p.m. Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

**Wed., March 29**.....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 30**.....6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers

6:30 Fox Sounds

**Friday, March 31**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, April 1**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

**Sunday, April 2**.....8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

10:30 a.m. Worship

12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)