

First Sunday of Lent

March 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 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

'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'

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Greeting

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Be seated.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for

food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.

¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the

many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'O Lord, throughout These Forty Days'

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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

'I Want Jesus to Walk with Me' **325**

'Lord, Keep Us Steadfast' **517**

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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

'Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer'

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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 5

Greeters: Mason – Carol & Ralph Sievert
East – Judy & Dallas Cross

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Laurie Lease

Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

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

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 2/2: 8:30 a.m. 58
10:30 a.m. 14

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch 2/23: 84

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Henry Schoenborn and Selma Torbeck.

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.

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 - Our second request for the Basket of Promise (on March 12) are two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols or messages, decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage or imprints of any kind. Please place in the narthex. *If you wish to make a monetary donation via check, please make the check out to Grace Lutheran Church with "Baskets of Promise" or "B of P" noted on the memo line.*

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.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, March 6 and Tuesday, March 7. The building may be open depending upon when Pastor Dan is at Grace. Normal hours will resume on March 8.

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. See Leslie Fens if you have any questions: 915-8983 or fens4usa@att.net.

Daylight Savings starts next Sunday, March 12. Remember to Spring Ahead!



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.

One Bedroom Apartment for rent at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. Call Becky at 734-7225. Come for a visit and see for yourself how homey, friendly and spacious the apartments and the whole facility are!

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 5.....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, March 6.....7:00 p.m. TLC Bible Study
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 7.....8:30 a.m. Quilters
10:30 a.m. Worship & Music Meeting
4:30 p.m. TLC Executive Committee
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

Wed., March 8.....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 9.....10 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch
10:00 a.m. Salvation Army
6:30 p.m. Fox Sounds
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers

Friday, March 10.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, March 11.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

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