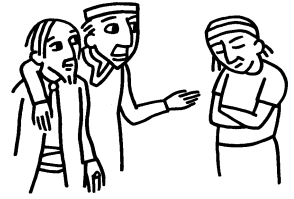


Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2016



Order of Worship – 8:30 A.M.

Prelude

Word of Welcome

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

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Gathering Hymn 'God Loved the World'

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Greeting

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Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray:

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

be seated

Readings

Joshua 5:9-12

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation 'We Are Turning, Lord'

C **We are turning, Lord, to hear you;
you are merciful and kind –
slow to anger, rich in blessing,
and with love to us inclined.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

be seated

Sermon

offering assembled and presented

Hymn of the Day 'Our Father, We Have Wandered'

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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 To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen**

Peace

Greet one another saying: "Peace be with you".

Offertory 'Create in Me a Clean Heart'

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Offering Prayer

A God our provider,

C you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus 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
'We Who Once Were Dead'	495
'What Wondrous Love Is This'	666

stand as you are able

Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A O God,

C we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Benediction

Closing Hymn 'Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound'
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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Assistants: March 6 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Greeters: Mason – Carol & Ralph Sievert
East Side – Roger Schmidt

Assisting Minister: Ron Williams

Lector: Laurie Lease

Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

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

Organist: Diane Bailey

Sound: Robbie Johnson

Joys & Concerns

Take a moment to sign the greeting cards set out in the Gathering Area. These cards are mailed each week to a shut-in member.

In prayer this week

*Muriel Tiedt, Selma Torbeck, Rose Zinck
Robyn Messenger – Terri Bellile – Judy Kurth
Rev. Jennie Johnson-Wrege, Jim DeBaal
Linda Knoll niece of Joyce Learman,
Joe Kunkel, Hospice, Jim, Gary Weigt
baby Winston Augustus Smith*

A Lenten Offering is being received this year for ELCA World Hunger. This ministry of the church addresses hunger and poverty through education, advocacy, relief and development. Be sure to take a look at the hunger insert "Table Service."

Help! West High Cheese Lunch needs people to help from 10:30am - 1:00pm on Thursdays. Workers butter bread, open cans of soup, cut brownies and participate in a very important outreach to students. Partial shifts and/or selected weeks are fine. Contact Susan Pringnitz, Pastor Vicki or the Church Office to sign up.

Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, March 20th, 8:30 am and 10:30 am, **Maundy Thursday**, March 24th, 6:30 pm at Grace, **Good Friday**, March 25th, 12:15 pm at Zion Lutheran and 6:30 pm, at Grace.

THE ALTAR GUILD will order Easter lilies to decorate the chancel area for the Easter season. You are invited to help with the cost of the lilies 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 March 20.

Easter Sunday Worship: Sunday March 27th, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
No Sunday School.

Donate a Large Backpack (especially hiking type with frames) to be given to people who are homeless. Contact Shari Waldron, 920-277-4093.

Ushering Openings: There are openings to fill at the 8:30 a.m. service for fall/winter and 9:00 a.m. service in the summer. Openings are in the months of Oct/April, Dec/June, Jan/July, and Aug., Sign up on the usher sheet on the large board in the gathering area.

2016 WELCA Spring Event - This year's speaker is Theresa Poole. We need volunteer help. See **Leslie Fens** if you can help. **DATE:** Saturday April 9, 2016
Information and Registration Forms on desk.

2015 Choice Dollars® expire on March 31, 2016

The Thrivent Choice® program provides eligible participants the opportunity to recommend where to distribute Thrivent's charitable outreach funds.

*This makes a difference here at Grace. In 2015 Grace Received **\$4,135.** Before 2015 Dollars expire on March 31, 2016, use either of two options for directing.*

- Online: www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- Phone: 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes March Presentations

Part Two of our Alzheimer's Presentations will be held on Monday, March 21 at 10:30 AM in the Linwood Commons at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, 425 N. Linwood, Appleton.

Last month the representative from the Alzheimer's Association presented information about the general category of "Dementia." This month's will deal with "Basics of Alzheimer's Disease." If you would like to attend call Fox Valley Lutheran Homes at 734-7225 to assure there are enough educational materials for you to take home.

The C-O-N-N-E-C-T Dining Group will meet at Stone Toad, 1109 S. Oneida St., in Menasha, at **5:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 20.** Sign up on the sheet on the narthex desk by Sunday, March 13. On the menu is a 4-piece chicken dinner for \$7.49. They also serve a full menu. Watch for a Post Crescent coupon for the chicken dinner prior to the date, normally in the Thursday paper. Come and meet friends, enjoy food and fellowship.

Grace for the Week

Sunday, March 6	Faith In Action Food Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 pm Wedding shower
Tuesday, March 8	8:30 a.m. Quilting 1:00 W & M Meeting 5:30 pm Board of Ed. 6:30 pm Sweet Adelines
Wednesday, March 9	11:30 Worship at FVLH
Thursday, March 10	10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch for West High School 10:00 – 1:00 Salvation Army Lunch
Friday, March 11	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
Saturday, March 12	9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
Sunday March 13	8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:30 a.m. Worship

Attendance: 2/28

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Welcome to Grace – *Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, we are happy you are here. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book and/or one of the cards in the pew racks. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Grace.*

Order for Worship 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Song 'What Wondrous Love is This' 666

Word

Children's Message

Reading and Reflection

Prayers

Meal

Peace

Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Song 'Amazing Grace' 779

Blessing

Dismissal

C Thanks be to God

***By grace, through faith, we follow God's Word,
share the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring hope to others
through **worship, education and outreach.*****

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