

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 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

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'Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church'

Greeting

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Be seated.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered

them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus

from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in 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 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

... ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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'Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

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' **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**

Great Thanksgiving pp. 206-207

Lord's Prayer p. 208

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>'I Am the Bread of Life'</i>	485
<i>'What Wondrous Love Is This'</i>	666

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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

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'Savior, Again to Your Dear Name'

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9:

Worship at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 13:

Worship at FVLH at 11:30 a.m. &
Grace at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14:

Joint ELCA Worship at 12:15 p.m. at
First English, Downtown &
Grace at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16:

Worship at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast between services.

Worship Assistants: April 2

Greeters: Mason – Marty Grow
East – Joy & Dirk DeBaal

Assisting Minister: Ron Williams

Lector: Sharon Meier

Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

Ushers: Bob Waldron, Ed Kerwell, Larry Baumbach

Organist: Diane Bailey

Hospitality: Lois Hilger

Attendance 3/26: 8:30 a.m. 75
10:30 a.m. 48

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch 3/16: 82

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Marie Mueller and Ruby Niemuth.

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

EASTER LILIES will be used to decorate the chancel area during 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." There is a sign up sheet on the desk. Order deadline is next 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 led 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.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 2.....8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education
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10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

Monday, April 3.....7:00 p.m. TLC Bible Study
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 4.....8:30 a.m. Quilters
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

Wed., April 5.....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., April 6.....10:00 a.m. H.S. Grilled Cheese
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers
6:30 Fox Sounds

Friday, April 7.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, April 8.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

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