

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018
8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Temple Talk

Shari Waldron

Stand as able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Loving God,

C we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.

Forgive us for the times

we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all;

we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,

So that we can live again as your children.

Amen

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Dearest Jesus, at Your Word'

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Greeting

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Please be seated

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*)

A O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

C You know whenever I sit or stand,

A you read my inmost thoughts;

C whenever I walk or rest, you know where I have been.

A If I think night will hide me and darkness give me cover,

C I find darkness is not dark.

A For your night shines like day,

C darkness and light are one.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

First Reading

I Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

I Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³Food is meant for

the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

‘Alleluia’

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from

Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult'

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

P Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Peace

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

Please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

'As with Gladness Men of Old' vs 3 **302**

Offering Prayer

A Merciful God,

C receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving pp. 152-153

Lord's Prayer p. 154

Please 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. 154

'Lord, Be Glorified' **744**

'Lord, Speak to Us' **676**

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Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

A O Morning Star, fair and bright,

C you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen

Benediction

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen

Closing Hymn ‘Here I Am, Lord’

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Our *Light of Epiphany* speaker this morning, Shari Waldron, will share how Grace’s Faith in Action ministry helps others. Have you ever wondered where the food goes that we bring on the first Sunday of the month? Curious about how our Christmas Angel Tree ministry offers hope to others? She will have the answers.

Worship Assistants: January 14

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

Assisting Minister: Laury Grow

Lector: Laury Grow

Communion 8:30: Ron Bailey

Communion 10:30: Judy Cross

Ushers: Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce
Learman

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 01/07: 8:30 am-?? & 10:30 am-21

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 01/04 125

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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.
There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.
If you are looking for a church home,
you are welcome here.*

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Dorothy Henke and Ellen Holz.

For Healing 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; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Roger Schmidt; Marian Breitenfeldt; Enid Andrews.

“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.

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Announcements

It is time for snow There is a sign up sheet on the desk in the narthex. We are asking for volunteers to keep the sidewalks clean of snow on a weekly basis.

The parking lot is taken care of however please consider helping with the other areas. Thank you!

Apartments for Rent: 1 & 2 BR apartments available immediately at Linwood Place. Call Becky, John, or Brian to arrange a tour. Plan for the future also! Get on our waiting list if you're thinking of a move in the future. Becky (734-7225), John (419-5754), Brian (840-3578.)

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes: Needs people to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and on the Mission & Ministry Committee. Call Becky (734-7725) for information

New Member Classes

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 on January 14 and 21 we will have New Member Classes in the Kitchen. If interested in joining Grace please let Pastor Dan know or just show up at one of these New Member Classes.

Adult Forum will return on February 4 at 9:40. Watch for more details in the near future

ELCA INFORMATION

Sign up to receive ELCA Hunger information.

<http://www.elca.org/hunger>

Sign up to receive ELCA Advocacy alerts.

<http://www.elca.org/advocacy>

Sign up for LOPPW - Lutheran Office of Public Policy in Wisconsin

<http://www.loppw.org/about-us/current-priorities/>

Attend Synod "Following Christ in this World" 1/27 or 2/3

<http://ecsw.org/event/following-christ-in-this-world/>

DISCOVERING HOPE

Building Vitality in Your Congregation

A Conference for Small Membership Congregations

Sponsored by the Congregational Vitality Team, ELCA Domestic Mission

Spencer, Wisconsin

February 3, 2018

Saturday, February 3 | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church

B3750 State Hwy. 13, Spencer WI 54479

9:30 am: Registration, Gathering & Coffee

Pastor Nancy Nyland, the event leader, served multiple rural and small-town congregations in South Dakota and Nebraska for 21 years before joining the Domestic Mission Unit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2011 as the Director for Evangelical Mission in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod. As a former ELCA evangelism partner and member of the Discovering Hope initiative leadership, and now as a member of the ELCA Vitality Team, Pastor Nancy speaks at many state and regional conferences to bring a word of HOPE to small congregations.

Topics:

Prayer: Letting Go and Letting God

Worship: Building Community and Hope

Making Disciples: Learning to Live Jesus' Way

Evangelism: A Way of Life

Caring Ministries: Serving as Jesus Served

Leadership: Who's Driving the Tractor?

Discovering the Gift of Place

Mission: Possible — Discovering Hope for the Future

**Talk to Pastor Dan or a Council Member if
interested **Today!****

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 14..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 New Member Class
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, Jan. 15..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
*******NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*******

Tuesday, Jan. 16..... 8:30 a.m. Quilting
6:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus
6:30 TLC Council

Wednesday, Jan. 17..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 18.....6:30 p.m. TLC Singers

Friday, Jan. 19 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Jan. 20..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Jan 21..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. New Member Class
10:30 a.m. Worship