

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2018
8:30 A.M.**

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Temple Talk

Susan Pringnitz

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 'O Zion, Haste' **668**

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Please be seated

Opening Sentences (*Psalm 62:5-12*)

A My soul waits, silent for God, for God alone, my salvation;

C God is my glory and safety, my stronghold, my haven.

A People, give your hearts to God, trust always! God is our haven.

C Our highest aspirations burst forth like bright flares, only to fizzle out like wet fuses.

A But our God offers a security that is eternal.

C Time and again God says, "Strength and love are mine to give."

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore'

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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

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Lord's Prayer

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Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion, this morning, will be by intinction. The ushers will direct you to the front, first the pulpit side and then lectern side. Come up using the center aisle and return by the side aisle. Wine will be in the larger portion and grape juice in the smaller portion of the chalice. Gluten free wafers available by request. 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
'I Love to Tell the Story'	661
'I Want to Walk as a Child'	815

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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 'Sent Forth by God's Blessing' 547

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Epiphany Temple Talk

This morning Susan Pringnitz brings us stories and information about that lunch time ministry known as Grilled Cheese. There's lots of activity in the kitchen and PAC around lunch time on Thursdays! It's a vibrant ministry!

The insert in the bulletin this morning is from the AHS- West Newsletter put out by the students.

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.*

Worship Assistants: January 21

Greeters: Mason – Bonnie Planner

East – Luann Seidl/ Jonathon Seidl

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Lois Hilger

Communion 8:30: Gene Krull

Communion 10:30: Luann Seidl

Ushers: Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce
Learman

Organist: Diane Bailey

Attendance 01/07: 8:30 am-56 & 10:30 am-24

H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 01/11 139

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Donny Kassube and Marie Mueller.

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; Ruby Niemuth; Raylene Houterman

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 Class **TODAY at 9:30 am**
If interested in joining Grace please come to a meeting in the kitchen with Pastor Dan.

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

The **Annual meeting of the Appleton Conference** is Saturday, February 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church, New London from 9:30 – 11:30. 2018 grant requests will be voted on which includes the Grace request for the "Cheesers" lunch. Grace is entitled to two delegates. If you can serve as a Grace delegate, please see Cheryl Muggenthaler for further details.

Check it out!!!!

Grace Web Site www.gracelutheranappleton.org for new pictures of our Sunday School Students in action. We also have a new feature – Daily Devotions. Every day a new devotion is on our website. Check them out!

Giving Statements for 2017 are on the table in the narthex. Please pick them up TODAY!! If you could take one to a homebound individual, that would be great.

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/>

There are **Daily Prayers for a Time of Prayer to End Human Trafficking** January 11 through Super Bowl Weekend 2018 available on the table in the narthex.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, Jan. 22..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
6:30 p.m. FVC Board Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 23..... 8:30 a.m. Quilting
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus

Wednesday, Jan. 24..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:15 p.m. Rooted
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 25.....10:00 a.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch

Friday, Jan. 26 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, Jan. 27..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

Sunday, Jan 28..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship