

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Parker, South Dakota

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 27, 2019

PRELUDE, VISUAL PRAYERS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Just as the body is one and has many members, so it is with the body of Christ.

All: As members of Christ's body, we come to worship recognizing our need to drink of the one Spirit.

Leader: If the foot said to the hand, "Because I am not like you, I do not belong," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

All: We celebrate God's arrangement of all of the parts.

Leader: We celebrate our assurance that all members are significant in the body of Christ as we proclaim our shared mission:

All: "We believe we are forgiven and saved by faith in Jesus Christ through His death and resurrection. As people of God, through love, we are God's hands. We are called to invite and welcome everyone into the fellowship of believers. We worship together, teach His word, pray for, encourage and uplift each other. We witness to His love and forgiveness to our congregation, community and world." (Written by members from Grace Lutheran)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: *"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims your handiwork,"* declares the psalmist. And yet, days go by and we don't remember to say, "Thank you," God.

All: Help us to see the beauty of your creation, to slow down and enjoy the benefits of your many gifts.

Leader: Forgive us for being so caught up in our own importance that we forget who is responsible for everything.

All: You have given us so many blessings, but we can't remember who we are and whose we are. Enlighten our eyes, God, to use the gifts you have given us to your glory. Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, making wise the simple, rejoicing the heart, enduring forever.

All: May the love of Jesus and the mercy of God, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us and give us peace. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

ELW 654

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people.

All: Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promise, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

THE READING RESPONSE

"Thanks Be to God!" (After each reading)

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 19

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Fishers of Men"

Grace Lutheran Choir

KID TALK

"Gifts from God"

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain **standing** for The Gospel)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

(Pew Bible p. 47 – New Testament)

GOSPEL RESPONSES

"Glory to You, O Lord" (After The Gospel is announced)

"Praise to You, O Christ" (After The Gospel is read)

SERMON

"God Comes for Us"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM*Lane Henry VanRavenswaay***BAPTISMAL RESPONSE**

All: Praise God for the gift of new life! We welcome *Lane* and promise to pray for him and show our love for him in the years to come.

BAPTISMAL SONG

"Borning" ELW 732
(The bottom two lines are verse 4)

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Congregational response after each petition of "Lord, in your mercy:" **"Hear our prayer."**)

RETURNING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"If this season is a time of revelation, then there's no better time to open our eyes to the God of grace in our midst and embrace Jesus' challenging, hopeful call to love and serve our neighbors." ~Aaron Fuller~

Music Video – "Mountain" (Jason Gray)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"We Are Called" ELW 720 (vs. 1 & Refrain)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: God, your heart is wide open to us. You have given to us freely and taught us to return to you a portion of what we have.

All: **Grant us glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to you as you are to us. Help us use your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all your people. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER**BENEDICTION/BLESSING**

Leader: We are the body of Christ.

All: **May we have the heart of Christ, tender for mercy.**

Leader: May we have the eyes of Christ to see a world in need.

All: **May we have the feet of Christ to bring Good News. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story" ELW 661

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving one another!

All: **Thanks Be to God!**

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We welcome everyone to this house of worship. We are one family, united in our heavenly Father and our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.



Baptized into Christ's Body today is
Lane Henry VanRavenswaay,
son of Trent & Kortnei VanRavenswaay.

Tessa VanRavenswaay is Lane's sponsor.

This Week at GRACE

Today: 10:00 am: Sunday School
 10:00 am: Bible Study
 Wed: 4:00 pm: Pre-Confirmation
 5:00 pm: Confirmation
 6:30 pm: Worship (Holy Communion)
 7:00 pm: Choir
 7:00 pm: Luther League
 Sun: 9:00 am: Worship (First Communion; Holy Communion)
 10:00 am: Sunday School

Attendance 1/20/2019: 121

Last week's offering total was \$1,686.00. This includes Sunday's and Wednesday's offerings, Simply Giving, and direct EFT through First Savings Bank. Our weekly offering goal is \$2,600.00. We were \$914.00 under goal. Remember - to ensure all bills and salaries of the church are paid, we need to meet our weekly goal!

Thank you to the following people for helping with our Worship service this morning: ushers Steve Christen and Tanner & Andrew Even, reader Roger Deutsch, greeters Troy & Lisa Geis and family, and A/V assistant Chela Bolte.

Announcements:

The February newsletter is in your mailbox. Please take your copy home with you today. Extra copies of the newsletter can be found on the shelf in the narthex.

Bottles (pop or Gatorade) are needed for a February 24th Sunday school service project. If you have any bottles to donate, please leave them in the bin in the narthex.

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