

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Parker, South Dakota

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2019

PRELUDE, VISUAL PRAYERS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into this sacred space to worship God.

All: **God of mystery, in you I trust; never let me be ashamed. In your way of putting things right, encourage and strengthen me; turn your ear toward me, and hear my plea.**

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All: **Be to me a rock for dwelling in, a secure place for retreating to, time and time again; a rock for my restoration; for you are my rock and my stronghold.**

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All: **Sustain me against the hand of the wicked, the hands of the unjust and the ruthless.**

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All: **For you are my hope, my trust since my early years. I have relied on you from the womb; from my birth you have sustained me. In you is my wonder again and again and again.**

Leader: May this time of worship be sacred as we humble ourselves in God's presence and begin by proclaiming 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: When we pray, we speak to God. When we pray, God speaks to us. Let us, therefore, enter into dialogue with our Creator...

We confess without reservation that our dialogue with you, O God, is not really a dialogue.

All: **Too often, we ask without listening and complain without offering thanksgiving. We pray, and cannot understand why we get no response.**

Leader: Awaken us to wonder: If you called, would we answer? Or would you get a busy signal? Would you leave a message, and get no answer in return?

All: **We confess anew our impatience and our unwillingness to sit in the holy stillness of your presence. Forgive us, loving God. Thank you for letting us try again.**

Leader: In this moment of silence, let us be still and listen to what you would say to us this day...

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Even when we try and fail again and again, God loves us still. In the richness of God's grace, we accept the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks Be to God!**

OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532

INVOCATION/KYRIE (Prayer of the Day)

Leader: We come today united not by blood, race or nationality, but by love – a love that places the "you" and "we" above the "I" and "me." A love so great it must originate from the source of all love.

All: **We, your people, O God, come seeking your love. A love more powerful than all our hurts, all our pain. A love that meets us where we are and calls us to more than we can imagine. A love that can change our lives forever. Amen.**

"Peace, Be Still" Spoken Words – Cantor – ALL [5X]

Peace, be still.

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The storm rages.

Peace, be still.

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

THE READING RESPONSE

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 71:1-6

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

KID TALK

"Camp Sunday" By Dana Isaacson (*Shetek Program Director*)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

(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

“Jesus and Cliff Hurling”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

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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

“Love is about understanding and not about agreement. Understanding and agreement: they’re not the same thing, they’ve never been the same thing. Love demands only the first thing, not the second.”

~Jacqueline A. Bussie~

Music Video – “For the One” (Brian & Jenn Johnson)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW 182

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Loving God, we recognize together that you are worthy – worthy of our worship, our love, our lives.

All: **We also recognize that you are worthy of our best gifts, and so we give today with hearts overflowing with gratitude. It is a joy to give back to you, to honor you, to bless you with that with which you have blessed us. Take these gifts and use them to bring great glory to your name. For you, and you alone, do we give these gifts today. Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT (Special Music played during Communion)

****Our youth receiving First Communion and their families are invited to the Lord’s Table first.**

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Leader: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. Faith, Lord, that you are good; that you are who you say you are and that you did what you said you’d do.

All: **Hope, Lord, that you will come again and make all things right, according to your word and your promise.**

Leader: Love, Lord...your love for us compels us to love one another.

All: **As we head out into a broken world, make us people of faith, of hope and of love. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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

All: **Thanks Be to God!**

Welcome to Worship, brothers and sisters! It is good to gather to praise our Lord Jesus. As we celebrate Holy Communion this morning, we invite all baptized Christians who seek forgiveness and who believe in Christ’s real presence in the Sacrament to join us at the altar. *** If you want Pastor Don to come to you with Communion, please let an usher know. ***



Today, 10 of our Pre-Confirmation students are communing for the first time. We ask that you would allow them to commune with their families first this morning in honor of their special day.

Please join us following the service for coffee and cake in honor of our 5th graders receiving their First Communion this morning.

This Week at GRACE

- Today: 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 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
- Sat: 1:00 pm: Sewing for Haiti
- Sun: 9:00 am: Worship
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 10:00 am: Bible Study
- 10:00 am: Food Pantry/Thrivent Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall

Thank you to the following people for helping with our Worship service this morning: ushers Steve Christensen and Tanner & Andrew Even, reader Lisa Geis, greeters Tom & Jenna Graber and family, Communion Assistants Tyronne & Emily Bialas, and A/V assistant Derek Nolan.

Attendance 1/27/2019: 125

Last week’s offering total was \$3,227.00. This includes Sunday’s and Wednesday’s offerings, Simply Giving, and direct EFT through First Savings Bank. We exceeded our weekly offering goal of \$2,600 which helps to ensure that all of our bills and salaries are paid timely!!

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