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“Reflecting and Sharing Jesus Christ”

Acts 18:1



After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;



If you would like a visit from Pastor Fred, to share a prayer concern, or have any questions about today's service please contact the church office.

Ministers

Pastor
Office Coordinator
Caretaker
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Council
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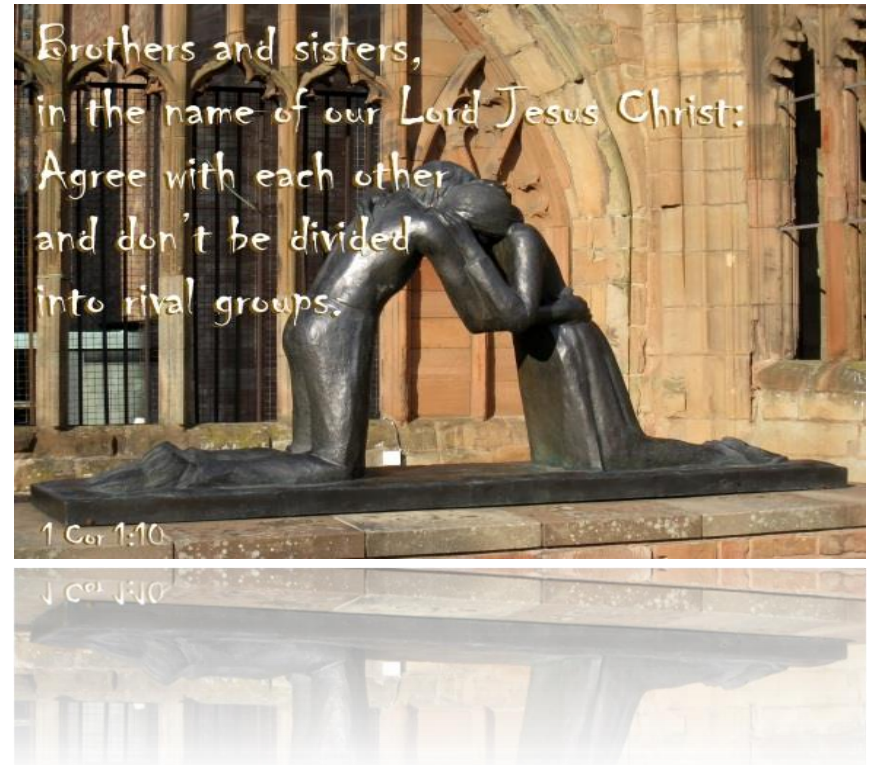
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Scripture Readings for: Holy Communion Worship, May 5, 2024

Reading:	1 Corinthians 13:1-3
Gospel:	Mark 12:28-31

Grace Lutheran Church
Contemporary Worship
April 28th, 2024, 10:30 a.m.



Brothers and sisters,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Agree with each other
and don't be divided
into rival groups.

Guiding Principles

Jesus is Lord
We Welcome Everyone
We Value God's Creation
We Are Open to the Power of God
We share God's love
Through Worship and Service
We Offer Forgiveness for All

Contemporary Worship
April 28, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Thank you for joining us in worship. We hope that you will find a welcoming community and Christ-centered worship.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Last week, we read about the church at Thessalonica. Today we get to hear about another church that was started by Paul. The first reading is about the time that Paul spent in Corinth. The second reading is from a letter Paul sent to the church at Corinth. Our story today is about a community of believers that were experiencing conflict. Paul wrote them a letter to help them work through that conflict and focus on worshiping and serving God together.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.

P: **Let us join hearts and voices in praise.**

L: In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.

P: **Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.**

L: We practice our faith in many different ways.

P: **Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.**

L: We render different forms of ministry.

P: **Yet our calling is one because Christ is undivided.**

L: Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us, calling us together at his one Table.

P: **Praise the Lord!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Today we will read about division in the church. Even back in the earliest days of the church, believers created discord from issues large and small. It happened back then, and it happens now.

Let us pray: Lord God, your Holy Spirit brought the nations together as one body of your children, united to speak of your

resurrection, but it was not long before they began to argue over their differences instead of rejoicing in the resurrection. We, too, argue over our differences.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ suffered, died, rose again, and ascended to heaven. This is the truth we celebrate. This is the truth we are called to share. This is the truth that offers forgiveness for our disunity. Go, be united with your fellow children of God and get to the work of telling the good news! **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

Initially the Passing of the Peace was intended to be a time for believers to make peace with anyone they had wronged or by whom they had been wronged.

The Peace of Christ Be with you all
And Also with you.

GATHERING SONG: CB 176 - WE ARE THE CHURCH (1-4 & 6)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of unity, we often create walls and barriers that divide us and cause separation. We choose sides, choose people, choose programs, choose issues—and forget to choose you. Remind us of those things that unite us. Help us to see past our divisions. Be with us in this worship as we explore how to work together as your church. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME, SONG AND PRAYER: CB 20 - CARES CHORUS

FIRST READING: ACTS 18:1-4

After Athens, Paul went to Corinth. That is where he discovered Aquila, a Jew born in Pontus, and his wife, Priscilla. They had just arrived from Italy, part of the general expulsion of Jews from Rome ordered by Claudius. Paul moved in with them, and they

worked together at their common trade of tent making. But every Sabbath he was at the meeting place, doing his best to convince both Jews and Greeks about Jesus.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

I have a serious concern to bring up with you, my friends, using the authority of Jesus, our Master. I'll put it as urgently as I can: You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common. I bring this up because some from Chloe's family brought a most disturbing report to my attention - that you're fighting among yourselves! I'll tell you exactly what I was told: You're all picking sides, going around saying, "I'm on Paul's side," or "I'm for Apollos," or "Peter is my man," or "I'm in the Messiah group." I ask you, "Has the Messiah been chopped up in little pieces so we can each have a relic all our own? Was Paul crucified for you? Was a single one of you baptized in Paul's name?" I was not involved with any of your baptisms - except for Crispus and Gaius - and on getting this report, I'm sure glad I wasn't. At least no one can go around saying he was baptized in my name. (Come to think of it, I also baptized Stephanas's family, but as far as I can recall, that's it.) God didn't send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what he has done, collecting a following for him. And he didn't send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the center - Christ on the Cross - be trivialized into mere words. The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hell-bent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:34-35

The silence was deafening - they had been arguing with one another over who among them was greatest. He sat down and

summoned the Twelve. "So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be the servant of all."

GOSPEL SONG: CB 115 - MAKE ME A SERVANT

ACTIVITY: BADGES OF PRIDE, LABELS OF EXCLUSION

SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: CHURCH OF CORINTH

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 335 - JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES CREED BY DARRYL AND RITA ROSTE

I believe in God, Father and Mother of us all, source of all life in the heavens and the earth. And in Jesus Christ God's only Son who was given life by the Holy Spirit and born of a woman. Who continued his life living in favor with God and humankind showing us a model we can follow of how to live with compassion for all people; healing the sick, feeding the hungry and teaching with authority the truth we need to live by. He suffered under the oppression of the Roman authorities to the extent of being crucified, he died, and was buried. He descended into hell showing his power over the forces of evil. Then God raised him to life showing God's power over the forces of death. He returned to God taking his place of rightful authority to judge between evil and love in the world. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the source and giver of Life, who calls us into relationships in the community of faith in the whole church in the world. I believe in the communion with the saints who have gone before us, in the gift of forgiveness of sin, and of the resurrection making all things new in this world and in the life to come.

AMEN

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 264 - RIGHT SIDE)

OFFERING SONG: WOV 748 - BIND US TOGETHER

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, as we present our tithes and offerings in worship, we know we come from a world that is tearing itself apart due to division. Even among your followers, we find ourselves shutting down and closing ourselves to those who don't think or act as we do. We need to be reminded that you desire unity and one mind from your children - not a church void of disagreement, but one where we work at listening in love more than working at speaking louder and winning the day. We dedicate not just our gifts but our minds to the work of your unifying love. In Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to inspire and guide your people to fulfill the mission Jesus gave us. Thank you for leaders like Peter and Paul who preached the good news and who helped communities when they were struggling. Help our church to be more like the early church, and help us to seek peace when interacting with others. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Go now in peace, for Christ has called you to live in peace among your brothers and sisters in Christ. Go now in courage, for Christ has called you from the places of your life to be agents of redemption and partners in healing. Go now in joy and thanksgiving, for Christ is our light! Go now as one body, to love and serve God as you love and serve the world!

SENDING SONG - ONE THING REMAINS

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains, yes, one thing remains **(Repeat)**

Refrain:

Your love never fails
It never gives up
It never runs out on me **(3X)** Your love

On and on, and on, and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains **Refrain (3x)**

Bridge (2X)

In death, in life
I'm confident and covered by
The power of your great love
My debt is paid
There's nothing that can separate
My heart from your great love **Refrain**

Repeat First Verse

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are a peacemaker.

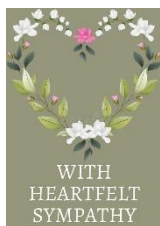
Thanks be to God.

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We ask you to pray each week for these Members and Friends of Grace who live in Senior's Home Residences. They are in **Peace Hills Lodge:** Margaret Forth, Irene Torgerson, Tillie Podloski, Brian Schultz, Clayton Murphy, Clara Meyer, Esther Dahms, Rene Faille and Esther Kaiser; in **Luther Manor:** Jeanette Martinoff, Helen Hein; in **Seasons (Wetaskiwin):** Dorothy Burghardt, Erven & Norma Heinz, and Roxann Buskas, in **Sagebrush:** Erna Dux, Martha Miller, Frieda Minchau, Loraine Lowen; in **Long Term Care:** Gordon Stuart, Nels Buskas; in **Good Shepherd:** Gerda Kiel, Ryan & Carol Reeves; in **Camrose Bethany Meadows:** Hilda Karlo; in **Seasons (Camrose):** Ervan & Selma Stobbe; **Wetaskiwin Hospital:** Margaret Forth, Don Bolstad, Joan Longstaff.

Our sincere condolences go out to Dale & Susan Woitt on the passing of Susan's mom, Rene Thompson. Rene passed away on Friday, April 19, 2024. Please pray for the family as they grieve her passing. The service will be held on Monday, April 29, 2024 @ 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church.



One Body. One Spirit. One Hope
2024 Area Gatherings

North/East Central/West Central Gathering

Saturday, April 27 – Peace Lutheran, Leduc
4606-48 St. Leduc

Register by: Friday, April 19th

Tuesday, April 30 – 7-8:30 p.m. – VIA ZOOM

Register by Noon on Tuesday, April 30th

This Sunday, April 28th the preschool is having a lunch fundraiser right after church. Please prepare to stay and support Growing in Grace Preschool.



Camp Sunday at Mulhurst Camp

All are welcome to come to Mulhurst Camp on **May 5 at 1pm** for Camp Sunday Worship!

Following Worship will be hot dogs & light beverages provided. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor fire for hot dog roasting.

Please bring a lawn chair & roasting stick.

To ensure we are adequately prepared, please RSVP by April 28 either to your Church Rep.

First United Church is hosting

An Afternoon to Remember

Presented by the Alzheimer's Society of AB & NWT

When: Tuesday, April 30

Where: 515 – 51 Avenue

Time: 1-4 p.m.

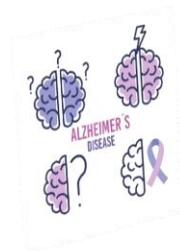
Cost: \$15 per person (includes snacks and handouts)

Topics:

- Types of Dementia
- Care Partner Tips
- Strategies for those living with dementia
- Brain Function & Health
- First Link
- Latest Research
- Preventing Care-giver Burnout\
- Resources & Programs

Registration is limited.

To register please call 780-352-2157 or email uchurch@incentre.net (e-transfer)



New Members Class

If you are from a Lutheran or Anglican congregation and want to transfer your membership to Grace Lutheran Church, please let us know. We will help facilitate your transfer. If you come from a non-Lutheran/Anglican congregation and want to become a member, Pastor Fred is offering a class on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. during the month of May**. It is four one hour sessions. People who want to take a refresher course on Lutheranism are also free to take part in the study. Please note that one does not need to transfer their membership or take classes to enjoy the total fellowship of the church. Membership only plays a role in regard to votes at annual meetings and taking positions on council. **First Class will be May 1st.** Mark your calendars.





Growing in Grace Preschool Fundraiser

Mother's Day is coming so this is a great time to pick up a gift card for all those garden and flower lovers! What a great gift to give to the one's you love with a gift card from Arber's Greenhouse. Gift cards are sold for \$25 each with \$5 of each card going directly to the preschool.

Order forms are available in the narthex of the church. The deadline for the orders is May 2nd. The gift cards will be available for pick up at the preschool the week of May 6th.

Payment methods are cash, cheque or e-transfer to growinginracepreschool@hotmail.com. Please put "Arbers" in the E-transfer notes if this is your choice or payment.

Thanks again for all your support this year with Growing and Grace.

Rogation Sunday this Sunday, May 5, 2024

"Rogation" is connected to the Latin word for "asking," and refers to a traditional time of praying for agriculture. Traditionally celebrated on the Sixth Sunday in Easter. Rogation Services have been a time to pray for planting and for those working with the land. In rural areas, many people bless the elements used in farming, the fields, the seeds and animals. In urban areas a blessing of gardens, and local businesses can be done. It might also be a time to show gratitude for soil, water and growth, and to challenge congregation members to think carefully of the food they eat, their care of water, earth and seed.

You can bring samples of your seeds that you are planting in your gardens or fields this year for next Sunday.



We will be having our **LAST** Sunday School on May 12, 2024 **before** summer season begins.

We will need one more volunteer to teach Sunday School on May 12. Please let either Pastor Fred, Dorothy Schmidt, or Joyce Schneider know that you are willing to volunteer.

May 12th is Mother's Day – All women in attendance will receive a flower. We hope to see all the women we honor.



First United Church



We as a congregation are invited to join the **First United Church in celebrating Ruth Lumak**, their minister for the last 20 years; who is preparing to say Good b ye.

The celebration will take place on **May 26, 2024**. A special service starts with music @ 10:30 a.m. Lunch to follow the service.

The only request is that if you would like to attend is to **RSVP by May 10th** so that they can prepare enough food.

You can leave your name at the church office 780-352-2157.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Deb Lentz – Pastoral Care @ 780-352-6883/ lentzdeb@gmail.com

P.S. If you wish to contribute there will be a cash donation box for Ruth's gift.

We are still looking for one more person that is willing to step up to the plate to learn **how to run the sound on a rotation basis for Sunday morning services**. Either men or women can volunteer to learn this. We are down to 2 regulars and we are going to tire these people out. Who would be willing to learn and help out? **Training will be provided**. Let's get this filled. Please reach out to the office – Dorothy ASAP.





Vacation Bible School

We are getting calls from parents that had children attend VBS last year wondering if we are going to host a VBS again this year.

The children really enjoyed their time of learning, crafting and singing. We had a nice gathering of young people and volunteers last summer that was led by Susan Woitt (which was greatly appreciated). **We really do need a Vacation Bible School Director; Susan is unable to this year but may be available to assist a bit.** If we run it, we plan to have it from Tuesday to Friday, 9-12 p.m. for the week of **July 23-26**. It involves age groups moving around to different stations such as Bible, Games, Science, Snacks, and Crafts. Each session only being 20 minutes long. Pastor Fred would look after the opening and closing assembly every day. We need leaders in each of the stations. We need young leaders to take the groups from station to station. It does not get boring. It is fast. And it is fun. If this sounds like a calling for you, please let us know as soon as possible.

Would you be willing to step up to the plate and help out? Maybe you don't feel you can lead on your own but maybe you have someone that you think would do a great job leading it together with you. Let's give the children an opportunity to learn more about Jesus' love. Now that you know the dates could you check your calendars to see if you are available to help us to provide this wonderful week for the kids for the summer? We are getting more and more inquiries wondering if we will host a VBS again. We would love to keep the momentum going from last summer!

We are still looking for people to fill non-executive council positions. Please contact Vivian to discuss this possibility. Ph. (780)352-1246



*Love
NEVER
fails...*

SUMMER HOPE MISSION	
Could Use the Following Items	
Socks – 1-2 pair	T-shirts
Shorts	sandals
Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Razor	Brush/Comb
Soap	Hair Ties
Lotion	Bandages
Running Shoes	Hats
Bug Spray	Sunscreen
Backpacks	Underwear
Shampoo/Conditioner (travel size)	Women's Personal Hygiene Items
Coloring Books/Crayons	Art Supplies Pencils



THIS WEEK AT GRACE: April 28th – May 5th, 2024

Today:	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Fundraising Luncheon for Growing in Grace Preschool
Monday:	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
	1:00 p.m.	Preschool
	7:00 p.m.	GIG Steering Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Night
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Morning Out
	11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
	1:00 p.m.	Preschool
	1:30 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Membership Class
	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
Thursday		
Friday – Sunday		Synod Youth Gathering - Kuriakos
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		Worship/Rogation Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship

The Church office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Today's Worship Participants:

Pastor	Fred Schneider
Accompanist	Marlene Thompson
Musicians	Bert Horvey, Larry Coroluick, Chrissy Williams
Lector	Vivian Holtby
Usher	Rob Sperber
Sound Booth	Jack Jensen
Projector	Connie Maygard
Counters	Rob Sperber
	Donna Zurbrigg
Coffee Clean-Up	Connie Maygard

Next Week's May 5th, 2024 – Worship Participants:

Pastor	Pastor Fred Schneider
Accompanist	Colleen McGinnis
Lector	Chrissy Williams
Usher	Connie Maygard
Sound Booth	Larry Coroluick
Projector	Susan Woitt
Counters	Connie Maygard
	Bonnie Bukkems
Coffee Clean-Up	Albert & Jane Wedman
Communion Set-Up	Lorrilyn Forth
	Bernice Scholze
Communion Servers	Vivian Holtby
	Connie Jensen
	Marilyn Zielke

Give thanks to
the Lord, for he is
good; his love endures
forever.

PSALM 106:1



Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Jesus Keeps You Strong

Paul told the Corinthians that ...

Unscramble each word to spell the name of one of the items that is pictured. Then use the circled letters to complete the sentence.



infek.....

agpers.....

minppuk.....

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plape.....

God is _____.