

**Sunday Morning Worship  
February 21, 2021**

FIRST SUNDAY IN  
LENT



Zion Evangelical

Lutheran Church

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## INTRODUCTION

*On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Thy Holy Wings*

Arr. Sedio

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: **Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Fountain of living water,

C: **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are + forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN # 319

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

## KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

- P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*

- P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
- C: **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray . . .
- C: **Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE WORD

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

Reader: Bob Keppel

R: <sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the

earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

**Reader: Bob Keppel**

R: <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

C: **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel is **Mark 1:9-15**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

P: <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in

the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Jeff Glawe

HYMN #325

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

### **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

**OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues**

## OFFERTORY SONG

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**C:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** (*All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy communion.*)

### BLESSING

**P:** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C:** Amen.

## HYMN #504 (vs. 1,2,4)

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

### DISMISSAL

**P:** What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

**C:** The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is: "Serving Christ through serving others."

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

Arr. Keesecker

*Please follow the guidance of the leaders as you exit  
to participate in Holy Communion.*

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Jeff & Donna Slyman in celebration of their grandsons 1st birthday.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted  
to the church office by calling 1 937 667-3110 or e-mail.*

**Total Attendance 2/13/2021& 2/14/2021: 50**

Unified Giving: \$13,217.00

Building Fund: \$ 495.00

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**November 2020**

Unified Giving: \$23,222.87

Building Fund Giving: \$1,843.63

Expenses: \$16,096.85

Mortgage Payment: \$2,500.00

**Building Fund Balance as of November 30, 2020: \$28,066.45**

If you desire more detailed financial information there are ten copies of the balance sheet and income statement for the month of November 2020, on the table as you leave the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please bring them to our next Council meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center . . .** We are collecting gift cards for the center to use as rewards for Wernle young people. Specifically we need \$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Subway, and Jimmy John's and \$25 gift cards to Walmart. If you do not want to pick up the cards but would like to participate, there will be a container labeled for Wernle where you can put your monetary donation.

**COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY: Saturday, February 27.**

**A LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE** will be held in the fellowship hall on :  
**Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**—1 Pint can save **3** lives! On Tuesday, March 16 from 1 pm to 7 pm Zion will host the Red Cross in a blood drive here in the Fellowship Hall. COVID Antibody testing is being completed on all donations. The American Red Cross has excellent social distancing and sanitizing protocols in place. Down load the American Red Cross Blood Donor App or online at **[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)** to schedule your time. Please see the flyer hanging in the hallway as you exit the fellowship hall.