

Sunday Worship
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First Sunday in Lent



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Arr: Rouse

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.**

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

- P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.
- C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #322 (v 1, 3-5,7)

O Love, How Deep

KYRIE Red hymnal page 138

- P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray for 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 Red hymnal page 139

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 . . .
- 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**

CHANCEL CHOIR Director Bill Jones *On the Road to Jerusalem*
Composer: Joseph M. Martin

THE WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

R: ⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹I 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." ¹²God 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: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶When 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." ¹⁷God 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.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

R: ¹To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: ²My God, I put my trust in You; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

R: ³Let none who look to You be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: ⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

R: ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: ⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

R: ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C: ⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

R: ⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

C: ¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

R: ¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which also He went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who 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. ²¹And 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, ²²who 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 Red hymnal page 142

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 Gospel according to **Mark 1:9-15**

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Sally Padgett

HYMN Purple hymnal #922

When We Are Tested

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, His 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 *(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #186

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.

COMMUNION PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS Red hymnal page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.)*

AGNUS DEI Red hymnal page 146

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #319

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

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 your bread.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Arr: Helman

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
in memory of Tom Walker 2-11-21*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Acolyte

Alex Garvic

Pastor

Sally Padgett

Reader

Chuck Drake

Communion Assist

Linda Holt

Greeter

Judy Bailey

Usher

Madison Dorn

ATTENDANCE 2/10 & 11: 94 est.

Unified Giving 2/10 & 11: \$2,156.00

Sunday School: Adults 15

Youth & Kids 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAILBOXES: The Zion mailboxes have been reconfigured and alphabetized (more or less). Please look carefully when you go to retrieve your mailbox contents. Your name is inside the box and on the front. If you do not see your box, please let the office know and we will make sure you get one.

