

**CHRISTUS REX
LUTHERAN CAMPUS CENTER**

"Created for Community"



***February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent***

10:30am Worship

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

CONFESSION

Leader: In spite of our quarrels and distrust,
God provides grace to sustain us.
Trusting in God's abundant mercy,
let us confess our sin.

All: **Lord, you know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.
Forgive us, O Lord,
and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again.
Amen.**

Silence.

Leader: Christ the Lord speaks to us
words of grace.
Your sins are forgiven,
washed away and forgotten.
Amen.

GREETING:

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
Community: **And also with you.**

KYRIE:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Leader: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Leader: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Leader:
Help, save and de - fend us, O
Congregation:
God. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Let us pray...Lord God, Heavenly Father
Community: 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.

FIRST READING

Genesis 9: 8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God 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."

PSALM 25

"To You, O Lord"

Melody

To you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.

Keyboard

Verse 1: Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, for you are my God, and for you I will wait.

Verse 2: Good and upright is the Lord; he shows us the way. He guides the meek to justice, he teaches the humble to follow his ways.

Verse 3: Your way, O Lord, is kindness to those who are true. Your friendship is with those who love you; you reveal to them your Word.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ 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.

GOSPEL VERSE*(spoken/please stand)*

**Return to God with all your heart, the
Source of grace and mercy;
come, seek the tender faithfulness of God**

GOSPEL

Mark 1: 9-15

the Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

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."

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.
Community: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON*Shera Nesheim*

Refrain

Be - yond the days of hope and mys - t'ry we
 see a light of faith re - newed, and in our long - ing
 we thirst for guid - ance to walk with you day by day.

1-4
to Verses

Final

day, to walk with you day by day.

Verses

1. For - ty days and
2. Not on bread a -
3. In your hands, O
4. On our Lent - en

1. nights, you guide the steps of our jour - ney.	May your
2. lone are we to walk on this jour - ney.	Speak the
3. God, we feel the touch of your guid - ance.	Keep us
4. path we see the dawn of a new day.	Be our

1. pres - ence be felt	in the whis - per of your voice.
2. words that give life	to the yearn - ings of our hearts.
3. safe in your care:	may your gen - tle - ness be there.
4. vi - sion of hope;	be the prom - ise of our lives.

to Refrain

PRAYERS

Leader: Let us pray for the church,
people everywhere according to their needs, and the whole creation.

After each petition:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
Community: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Into your hands, gracious God, we place all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy made known to us in Christ Jesus.
Community: **Amen.**

PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

Community: **And also with you.**



OFFERING

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OFFERTORY HYMN



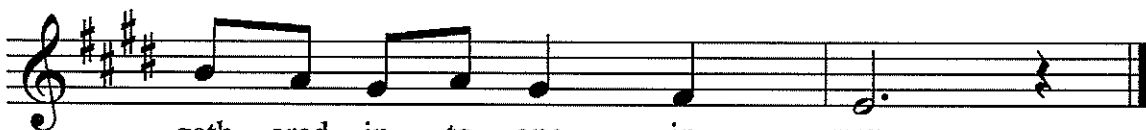
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



- 1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
- 2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



to Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

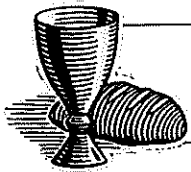
Presider: Let us pray. Faithful God,
Community: **you walk beside us I desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Community: **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.**

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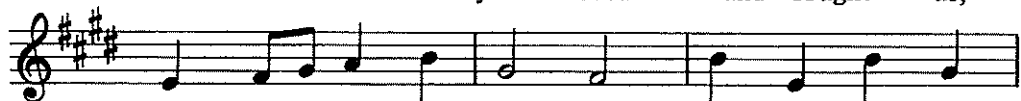
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BLESSING

POST COMMUNION HYMN "Thanks Be to You"



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,
2. From of old you loved and sought us,



Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy, Thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people
into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Community: **Amen.**

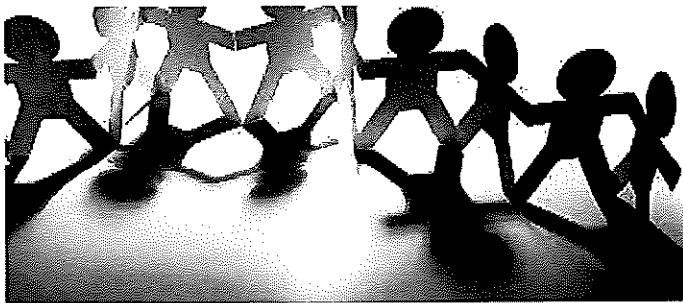
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BENEDICTION

Presider: 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.

Community: **Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth-er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace
 Remember the poor.
 Serve the Lord.

Community: **Thanks be to God.**



Postlude

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