

First Sunday in Lent February 18, 8:45am & 11:15am

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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.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE • Cortège et Litanie

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, * who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, 承 forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. Amen.



GREETING

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

Kyrie



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Please be seated.

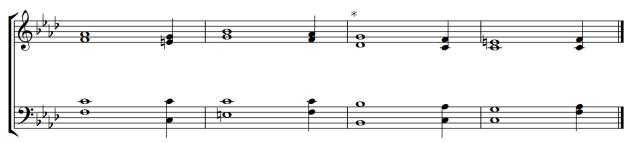
THE WORD

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.

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

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



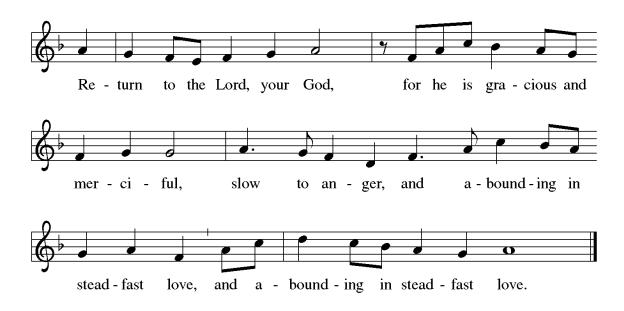
- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; 'my God, 'I put my trust in <u>you</u>; let me not be humiliated, 'nor let my enemies triumph <u>over me</u>.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to <u>shame</u>; let the treacherous be disappointed in their <u>schemes</u>.
- 3 Show me your ways, O <u>Lord</u>, and teach me your <u>paths</u>.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and <u>teach me</u>, for you are the God of my salvation; ' in you have I trusted all the day <u>long</u>.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and <u>love</u>, for they are from ever<u>lasting</u>.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O <u>Lord</u>.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the <u>Lord;</u> therefore he teaches sinners in his <u>way</u>.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing <u>right</u> and teaches his way to the <u>lowly</u>.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and <u>faithfulness</u> to those who keep his covenant and his <u>testimonies</u>.
- 10 For your Name's sake, O <u>LORD</u>, forgive my sin, ' for it is <u>great</u>.

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.

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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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 lives, were saved through water. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL READING • 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.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

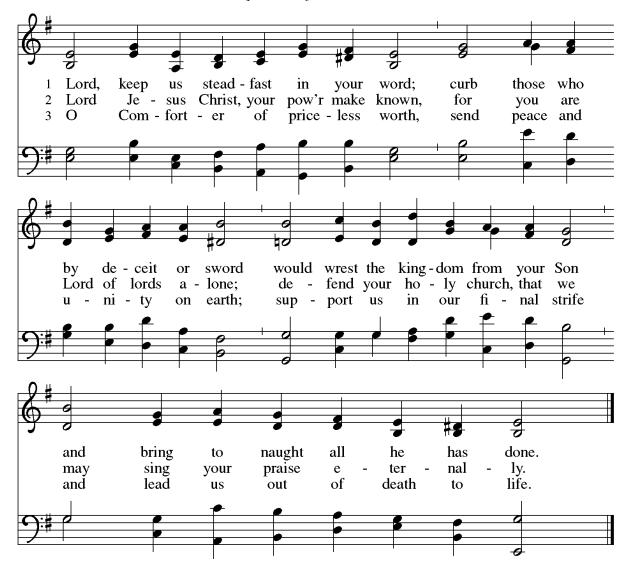
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Zawistoski

Please stand as you are able.



APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

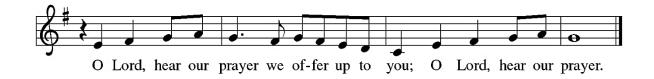
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

After each portion of the prayers:



The prayers conclude:

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at <u>saintlukegive.us</u> You may also mail your checks to:

> Saint Luke Lutheran Church 9100 Colesville Road Silver Spring, MD 20910

Schola Cantorum

OFFERTORY SOLO • Herr Gott, nun schleuß den Himmel auft, BWV 1092

JS Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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 • ELW S190 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

DEUTSCHE MESSE





Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga a nosostros tu reino, hagase tu voluntad, asi en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia; perdona nuestras ofensas, como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion, mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come! Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

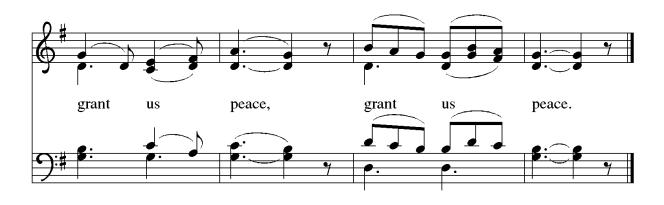
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

AGNUS DEI • ELW 199 Jesus, Lamb of God

DEUTSCHE MESSE

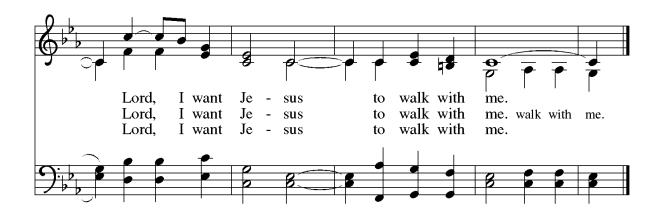




COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 325 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

SOJOURNER

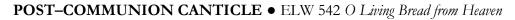




Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.



AURELIA



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

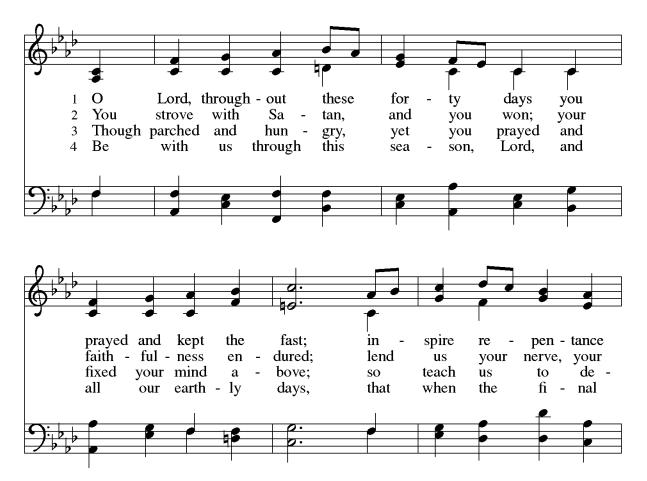
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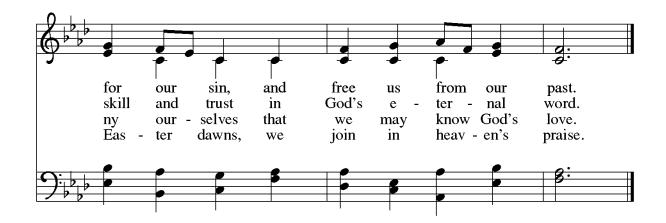
BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ★ bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 319 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

CONSOLATION





DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE • Cortège et Litanie

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

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PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Rich Zawistoski, Confirmation Pastor

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Deacon Kyle Warfield, Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries

READERS

8:45 Alison Boyce 11:15 Rob Ahlberg

MUSICIANS

Adam Scott Graham, Interim Director of Music Schola Cantorum

WE JOURNEY FROM ASHES TO EASTER

RETURN TO THE LORD OUR GOD, proclaimed the prophet Joel in the first reading for Ash Wednesday. Welcome to the forty days of Lent, literally a "springtime of the soul." Actually, the term, Lent, comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word that means "spring." This word, Lencten, is also where we get our word lengthen. The days this time of year begin to lengthen as we move into spring. Today we begin this journey with our Lord, which concludes with the resurrection festival. Let us take time to intentionally renew and review our faith in Jesus Christ.

PURPLE, THE COLOR OF PENITENCE, now adorns the altar area and stoles of the pastors. Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return, we heard on the holy day of ashes and repentance. We are mortal but by the sheer grace of God are forgiven and blessed with new life. The mood has changed and now we are invited to walk that wilderness journey with Jesus Christ, one that rids our lives of anything that might be getting in the way of our walk with the Lord. Is there anything we might need to "give up" to live that new life in Christ?

THIS WEDNESDAY IN LENT Holy Lament

7:00 p.m. (In person and Online)

February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

Special Guests, Word, Prayer, Song

What comes to mind with you hear the word lament? What does it mean to sit with our grief, rather than push it aside? So many faithful believers have wrestled with grief, sorrow, and questions for God about why the innocent suffer. Let us this Lent explore the laments found in scripture and relearn the gift of holy lament.

Guaranteed to be a meaningful worship experience for our Lenten time together!

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS IN LENT Jesus: My Song as I journey

7:00 a.m. Online at www.saintlukeonline.us

February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

We have sung the beautiful hymn, *Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song as I Journey*, now and then, but what does it mean for Jesus to be our song each day? We thank Luther Seminary for this 2024 Lenten Devotional and will glean words and wisdom each Wednesday morning from this moving hymn, ELW 808. Imagine Jesus as a song of life, a song of peace, a song of love. Let us "sing."

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRURY 25

REACHING TO THE BORDER



Let's do it!

ALL CONGREGATION SERVICE PROJECT

Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey, El Paso, an ELCA outreach at the border

February 25 (One Morning Service 10:00)

Service Project and Delicious Luncheon

Assembling Kits for the Children (1000 Kits! – we can do it!)

WHAT IS NEEDED? HOW TO FURTHER HELP?

In addition we are collecting much needed

 NEW SNEAKERS, mens and womens sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and socks (bring to Fireside Room)

• Contribute via <u>saintlukegive.us</u> Click *Border Service Project Feb 25*

Thank you!



SERVICE MUSIC

Adam Scott Graham

It has always been a passion of mine to write music for the church – music that is a testament to our faith, but accessible to musicians and non-musicians alike. Most churches get into a steady structure of rotating the same music each year for the same season. As your Interim Director of Music, I feel a special calling for us to look at our patterns within our realm of music and find what is meaningful to us at present. These simplistic pieces of service music have been written specifically for Saint Luke Lutheran Church with emphasis on encouraging congregational participation. While introducing new music for the service, careful attention has been given to not overwhelm with new options. From last year, we see the return of the Deutsche Messe by Franz Schubert; a collection of hymns for the celebration of the Holy Offering of Mass. It sets eight non-liturgical poems by Johann Philipp Neumann, that could be used independently during Mass.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday, February 18: Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546

On this day in 1546, Martin Luther died at the age of 62. For a time, he was an Augustinian monk, but it is his work as a biblical scholar, translator of the Bible, public confessor of the faith, reformer of the liturgy, theologian, educator and father of German vernacular literature that holds him in our remembrance. In Luther's own judgment , the greatest of all of his works was his catechism, written to instruct people in the basics of faith. And it was his baptism that sustained him in his trials as a reformer.

Friday, February 23: Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156

Polycarp was Bishop of Smyrna (in present-day western Turkey) and a link between the apostolic age and the church at the end of the second century. He is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation. In turn he was known by Irenaeus, bishop of Lyon in France, and Ignatius of Antioch. At the age of 86 he was martyred for his faith. When urged to save his life and renounce his faith, Polycarp replied, "Eighty-six years I have served him, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my king who saved me?" The magistrate who made the offer was reluctant to kill a gentle old man, but he had no choice. Polycarp was burned at the stake, his death a testimony to the cost of renouncing temptation.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, February 18—Lent 1B

8:00 am	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
8:45am	Worship (Hybrid)
10:00 am	Welcome Gathering
10:00am	Sunday School
10:00am	SLSHY-Youth Gathering Discussion
10:00am	Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00am	Up for Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15am	Worship (Hybrid)
5:00pm	АА

MONDAY, February 19—Presidents Day

	Office Closed
1:00pm	CDS Aftercare
4:00pm	After School Art Program - Langley Park
6:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	ESL Class

TUESDAY, February 20

CDS Classes
CDS Aftercare
Piano Lessons
Reformation Bells
Girl Scouts
ESL Class

WEDNESDAY, February 21

7:00am	Zoom Faith Connections
7:00am	Lenten Devotion (Online)
8:00am	CDS Classes
10:00am	Women in Community
10:00am	CDS Chapel
1:00pm	CDS Aftercare
3:00pm	En Camino: Children's Tutor Program
5:30pm	RSCM Choristers Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Lenten Worship
7:00pm	ESL Class
7:30pm	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
7:30pm	AA

THURSDAY, February 22

6:30am	Parking Lot Ministry - Langley Park
8:00am	CDS Classes
1:00pm	CDS Aftercare
2:45pm	Caring Project: Children's Tutor Program
7:30pm	Centering Prayer Zoom
8:30pm	АА

FRIDAY, February 23

8:00am	CDS Classes
7:00pm	Book & Video Discussion Group

SATURDAY, February 24

8:00am	Food Distribution: Langley Park
9:30am	АА
11:00am	Al-Anon

SUNDAY, February 25—Lent 2B

9:00am	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
10:00am	Worship (Hybrid)
11:00 am	Reaching to the Border: Congregation
	Service Project and Luncheon
5:00pm	AA
5:00 pm	Misa Español (Hybrid)
6:00pm	Reception

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed