

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT ~ February 21, 2021

Worship 10:00 am

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GATHERING - Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sign of the Cross

P: Blessed be God, Creator, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION SONG “Worthy is the Lamb”

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.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, heavenly Father,

C: 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.

Sharing Christ's Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORD

1st Reading – Genesis 9:8-17

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading – 1 Peter 3:18-22

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Young People's Message

Gospel – Mark 1:9-15

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

The Message – Pastor Lou Peters

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Out in the Wilderness”

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed

P: Siblings in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:

C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We 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.

Offering *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous people who support the mission & ministry of our congregation.*

Offering Prayer

P: Faithful God,

C: you walk beside us in 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.

Prayers of the Church

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayer

Blessing of the Gifts (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

P: God of steadfast love,

**C: 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. Amen.**

Benediction

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.

SENDING SONG – “Bless now, O God, the Journey”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

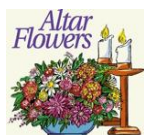
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Pray for:

Andrew (Pastor Lou), Eileen Macomber in the loss of Kevin, Joel Cederberg, Dori Dodson (Chelsea Morehead), Dennis & Barbara Franke, Jackie (Nancy), Cynthia Holmberg (Nancy), Clarice Moore (Gary Walker), Morgan Family in their loss of John, Lois Niewohner, Janice Ostnes, Ariana Preshaw, Victoria Raquepaw’s cousin, Susan & her son Mato, Ashley & Sherri Stephens, Laura (Babe) Stephens.

Our Prayer Partner Church: St. Mark Lutheran Church, Anchorage



Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God!

Greeter: Sonja Campbell **Reader:**

Communion: Arlene Orbeck

Announcements

MONDAY (2/22) Foodbank, 1:00pm help offload foodboxes for clients at church.

Mary Martha Women’s Bible Study, 6:15pm at church & Zoom.
Lois Heine is contact person.

WEDNESDAY (2/24) Confirmation, 6:00pm with Pastor Lou via ZOOM.

Midweek Lenten Service, 7:00pm at the church and livestreamed. Our Lenten service project changes each week.

We are currently collecting for the Women’s Shelter. They need diapers, toiletries, towels, deodorant, razors, makeup items would be nice too, etc...

Bring items when coming for Sunday or Wednesday services or call church office to arrange a time to drop items off.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY (2/26-27) VOTING 11:00am – 1:00pm available at church for those who are members of the church. This is to accommodate the Specially Called Congregational meeting to be held on *Sunday, February 28th*.

NEXT SUNDAY (2/28) SPECIALLY CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 11:00am after the worship service. This will be held in person and via Zoom. It is important to have all members participating in the vote so that we may reach a quorum! Thank you for making this a priority – it is appreciated!

LENT WORSHIP this year will be service-oriented. Our Worship and Arts Ministry Team has planned weekly service projects as part of our Lent worship this year.

We are donating items to the Women's Shelter, then in subsequent weeks to Stone Soup Café, The Door, SOAP (street outreach), Healthcare workers, Rescue Mission and end our time of service with our Palm Sunday Coat drive.

A full list of items needed for each organization will be available soon. Bring items to church or call office to make arrangements.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES each Sunday 10am and for Midweek Lent Services 7pm. We'll be following our COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. Masks are required, numbered attendance etc... We also livestream services via Facebook. We appreciate everyone being flexible if we do need to make a change.

THRIVENT MEMBERS - Just a reminder, you earn CHOICE DOLLARS throughout the year to the charity of our choice. Fairbanks Lutheran is one listed. You have until March 31st to give these dollars to a charity of your choice. If not designated Thrivent gives to charity of their choice. These dollars add up to help any church or charity.

OFFICE HOURS – the church building will not be open to the public, however we have opened the building to Bible Study Groups and in-person worship services. Thanks for your patience.

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