

First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 18th, 2018
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
Setting 3, p. 138



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GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *Bless, Now, Oh God, the Journey* (ELW 326)

GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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 (ELW p. 138)

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

FIRST READING Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from Genesis.

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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

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

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

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

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.

- 6Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**
- 7Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the
sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.**
- 8You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- 9You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.**
- 10All 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

A reading from 1 Peter.

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark. **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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (ELW 504)

NICENE CREED (Back cover of hymn book or ELW p. 104)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

SHARING THE PEACE

GIFT GATHERING AND SONG



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of

your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL (ELW p. 144)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 145)

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days (ELW 319)

Lead Me, Guide Me (ELW 768)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (ELW 325)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (ELW 618)

DISMISSAL

All who desire communion with Jesus and approach the sacrament with faith, are welcome at the Lord's Table. While both the common cup and individual glasses are offered, we encourage the use of the common cup to emphasize the unity we share in the Body of Christ, the church (please indicate your preference to the servers). A non-alcohol option is available in the tray. You may also partake of bread only, or come to the table for a blessing only.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the Family Day holiday, there is **no Lectionary Group meeting on Monday, February 19th.**

MID-WEEK LENT BOOK STUDY You are welcome to participate in lively conversation, prayer, scripture reading and song at 7 pm on Wednesdays beginning on February 21st in the sanctuary at Faith. The conversations will be based on questions for reflection for each of the five weeks of Lent. The daily devotions are from the book “*God For Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter*”. Visit the faithottawa.ca website to download the weekly questions posted there. Just click on “Lent Book Study” from the drop-down menu on the main page. Or, contact Pastor Martin if you would like to order the book at a discounted price (\$20) to read along. With the exception of March 28, the book study will be held every week from Feb 21 to April 4 inclusive, weather permitting. See you then!

The next **WOMEN's LUNCH** is on Tuesday, February 20th, at 11 am, at the Four Seasons Cookhouse on Merivale Road. All interested ladies, please come out and enjoy good food and great company.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: on Sunday, February 25th at 11:00 am. The Annual Reports are in your church mailboxes. Extra copies are available from the church office.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Carlington Community Chaplaincy is searching for a part time Program Coordinator as a maternity leave replacement. The job description is on their web site at www.carlingtonchaplaincy.com under 'Get Involved'. For more details, talk with Melvin or Harold.

THANK YOU to those who plan our worship services, choosing hymns and music, worship settings, writing prayers and sermons and to ushers and sound system operators who ensure that things run smoothly. We appreciate the efforts of the many who contribute to the primary activity in our faith life, the Sunday service.

Please check the bulletin board in the narthex for details about these and other community events.

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