

# First Sunday in Lent

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*Bethany's Mission Statement: Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love - we are God's people.*

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope everyone feels welcome as we strive to serve and strengthen each other in faith toward God and in love toward all. Now, as you wait for the service to begin, please relax, enjoy the music, and quiet your heart before God.

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*ELW indicates that hymns or liturgy are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship-red hymnal*

## PRELUDE

Welcome, Announcements, Celebration Bank

*(money given to Human Concerns Fund)*

## We Gather to Acknowledge God's Presence

*(Please Stand)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"*

ELW Hymn 326

### 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.**

# KYRIE

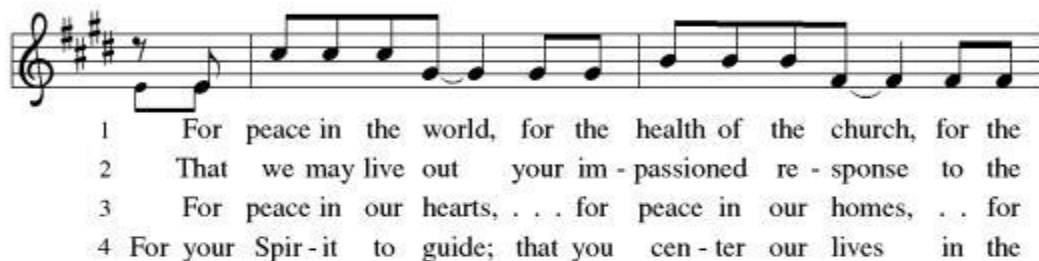
*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



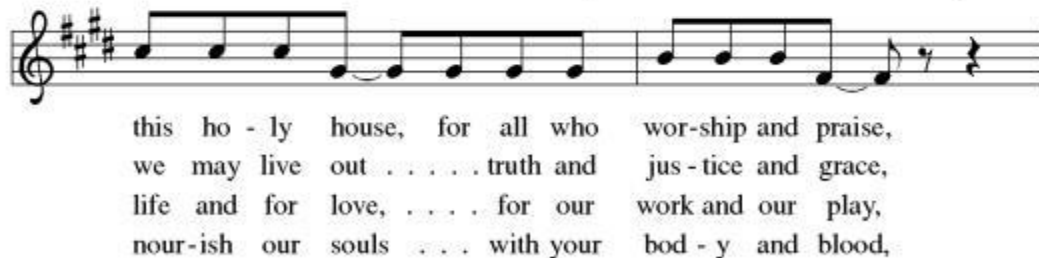
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.

# We Listen to God's Word

## FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from Genesis.

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

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

- L: To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.
- C: **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- L: Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- C: **Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**
- L: Lead 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: **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**
- L: Remember 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: **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- L: You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.
- C: **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

A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>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 persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>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, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

- L: Word of God, word of life.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

**P:** The Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.

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

**SERMON TEXT**

**Mark 1:9-15**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

*“The Invincibles”*

**Pastor Pete Hagglund**

*(Please stand)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”*

**ELW Hymn 325**

# We Respond to God's Word

## THE APOSTLES' CREED (*unison*)

**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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

**P:** Hear us, O God

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

# We Share in the Holy Meal

*(Please stand)*

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of the Eucharistic prayer. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff also begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a Gloria section. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The first staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff also begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*(Please be seated)*

## LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## DISTRIBUTION BY INDIVIDUAL GLASSES

***(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)***

*All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to commune. Children who do not commune are welcome to come for a blessing. You will be given a wafer. The glasses of dark liquid are wine; the middle ring is juice. There is a bowl of water if you would like to remember your baptism.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*“What Feast of Love”*

**ELW Hymn 487**

*(Please stand)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Lord, God, you gave your Son, both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the Godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## BLESSING *(unison)*

**C:** **May we love God so much that we love nothing else too much.  
May we fear God enough that we need fear nothing else at all.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”*

**ELW Hymn 319**

## THE DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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A Cry Room for infants is available up the stairs and to the right.  
There are Kids Celebrate children's bulletins available for youngsters  
who'd like to have their own reference to the lessons for this week.  
Ask our usher for help.

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship  
hall following the worship service. We would like to  
get to know you and offer our friendship.

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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today: **First Sunday in Lent**  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
**10:15 a.m. Church Council meeting**  
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service  
5:00 p.m. Lenten Film Club @ Faith/Trinity Lutheran  
showing "Joan of Arc"

Wednesday: **6:00 p.m. Soup Supper @ Messiah Lutheran**  
**7:00 p.m. Holden Service @ Messiah Lutheran**

Next Sunday: **Second Sunday in Lent**  
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
10:55 a.m. Lutheran Church of Hope Service  
**2:00 p.m. Council Dinner for old & new Council  
Members @ Uncle Ronnie's**  
5:00 p.m. Lenten Film Club @ Faith/Trinity Lutheran  
showing "Lourdes"

## SOUP SUPPER SIGN UP

Church Life will have a sign up sheet available for the Soup Supper @ Messiah that we will be providing the meal for on Wednesday, February 28. We need volunteers to sign up to bring bread, desserts(brownies suggested), and relish and also volunteers to help serve and clean up as well. Sign up sheet will be placed on the table in Fellowship Hall, in front of the Sanctuary.

### **HOLDEN SERVICES**

Messiah Lutheran will be holding the Holden Services for Lent this year. Holden Service Prayer will start at 7:00pm with the soup supper starting at 6:00pm every Wednesday evening during Lent. Messiah will provide the meal February 21, March 6 & 20, Bethany will provide the meal for February 28. Faith/Trinity will provide the meal for March 13.

### **EASTER LILIES**

It is that time of the year for Easter Lilies! Lilies will have purple foil and no bow. If you would like to order an Easter Lily this year, please fill out the order form provided to you in your bulletin and drop in the offering plate, starting today. You may also see Wendy during regular office hours for an order form or to drop off your order with payment as well. Absolute last day to order Lilies will be March 10. There will also be an order form issued in the March Chimes newsletter as well.

### **LENTEN FILM CLUB**

Lenten Film Club will start tonight at 5:00 pm at Faith/Trinity Lutheran, hosted by Pastor Ryan. They will be showing the silent film rendition of "Joan of Arc" and will follow with a discussion of the film and also snacks will be provided. This will be a weekly activity every Sunday throughout Lent, with different films being shown each week.

### **TOILET PAPER DRIVE**

Starting March 1st, Outreach Committee will be collecting toilet paper all month long for the homeless and disadvantaged!

### **LOST CHILDREN'S GLOVES**

There is a pair of red children's mittens on top of the coat rack in the foyer, if anyone's child or grandchild is missing a pair! Thank you!

### **COOKBOOKS**

There is a large abundance of cookbooks that have been sitting in the backroom off of the fellowship hall for some time. They have recently been moved to the fellowship hall. We are unaware of where these cookbooks came from or where they are supposed to go? If anyone has any information on where the cookbooks came from, please contact a council member or email the church. Thank you!

### **COFFEE AND DONUTS**

Please don't forget to sign up to help with coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings! Sign up is on the marker board in between the kitchen windows. Their needs to be at least 2 people signed up each week. Thank you!

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