

Our Mission

“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
Second Sunday in Lent – Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m.
March 5, 2023

Introduction

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Think On Me” (Lady John Scott arr. by Roger C. Wilson)

GATHERING

Welcome

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Invocation

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: 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.

P: 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, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

ELW # 445

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” (vs.1 & 3)

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.

Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.

Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.

Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

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

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen, amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Gene Fougner

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

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*Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.*

P: The holy gospel according to

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

“To Save The World”

Hymn of the Day

ELW # 323

“God Loved the World” (vs. 1, 2, 3)

God loved the world so that he gave his only
Son the lost to save, that all who would in
him believe should ever-lasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made
flesh and suffered death; all who confide in
Christ alone are built on this chief corner-stone.

If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus rescues
us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.,

Apostles' Creed

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

L: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L: O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you so love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home. Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you so love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes, bring peace to places mired in unrest such as Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Syria and Ukraine. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you so love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress, especially those struggling with illness such as Covid-19, influenza and RSV and those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: O God, you so love your children. Bless the young in our midst, and delight us with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Revive our ministries with children and youth and equip us all for faithful discipleship. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

L: Please take this time to offer any other intercessions, either aloud or in your heart.

L: O God, you so love your saints. As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us. We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace *(Remember to ask for consent)*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Prayer

P: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C: Amen.

Offertory

“Just As I Am, without One Plea” (vs. 1)

ELW # 592

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was
Shed for me, and that thou bidd’st me come to thee.
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

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

Holy, Holy, Holy “sing”

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed.....we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Grace our table with your presence:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Send us forth burning with justices, peace, and love:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy.... blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever:

C: Amen.

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

(please sing)

C: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Lamb of God “sing”

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

ELW 466

“In the Singing” (all verses)

In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
In the heart’s cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people,
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

P: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

Announcements

Council Installation

Blessing

P: God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation” (vs. 1 & 2)

ELW # 796

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What move can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Postlude

As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

Members

Alicia Intlekofer
Ann Theobald
Bonnie Kain
Carol Hotten
Cheryl Miller
Helen Morton

Inge Scholl
Isabel Benell
Kathy Austin
Kevin Miller
Kyle Smith
Linda Conover

Lora Lee Nye
Melissa Embry
Michael Leigh
Ramona Walker
Sally Newcomb
Sue Smith

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Meg Northrup

Anne Northrup

Family Members and Friends

Adam Kelly – son-in-law of Scott & Barbie Harlib
Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats
Bob Renner – husband of Nancy Renner
Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley
Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny
Connie – friend of Helen Morton
Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze
Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer
Curt Harris – friend of Kimberly Goats
Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats
Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman
Douglas – son of Inge Scholl
Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller
Ellie – granddaughter of Mary Wakimoto
Ern Woolley – father of Scott Woolley
Franklin Camero – uncle of Wendy Woolley
Hazel Maldonado – friend of Rosemary Hellene
Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld
Jerry Oium – friends of Jackie Poling
John Wade – husband of Carol Wade
Franklin Camero – uncle of Wendy Woolley
Lincoln – young friend of Pastor Tricia

Lori St Louis- daughter of Jackie Poling
Lyle Gilson - son of Carol Hotten
Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law
Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith
Miranda Rebholz – granddaughter of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Olivia Smelser – Nancy Renner
Paul – Kimberly Goats stepdad's brother
Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of Audrey, friend of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Roger Hersey – father of Leigh Quinn
Rose Streeter – friend of Hal & Mai Vogelaar
Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto
Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm
Ryan Blair – great grandson of Carol Hotten
Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler
Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade
Simon – son of Jantell & Darryl Cansler
Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul
Wayne Stithem – friend of Emmanuel

SOUP SUPPER will be held on Wednesdays of Lent. Supper at 6:00 pm worship at 6:30 pm. If you would like to donate a soup sign up on the clip board located on the table in the narthex.

SOMEONE IS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except Wednesdays, which are 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Please check in at the office when you arrive so we know who is

in the building. Please call 772-4135 about the building availability, if you want to use a room for Bible study, meeting, etc.

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of March is the Prescott Valley Meals on Wheels. The mission of Meals on Wheels is to provide on hot, nourishing meal per day, both in a congregate setting and to our home-bound clients. Home-bound meals are delivered by volunteers using their own vehicles. A further mission is to see to the needs and concerns of our clients. We network with other organizations and individuals who are also concerned about the problems facing our aging populace and respond to the challenge of providing goods and services that will enhance the quality of life for those who are willing and able to remind independent.

NEXT INTERFAITH MEAL is March 10. If you would like to help, please give the church office a call.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesday, at 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY meets in the Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY at Rebholz's. Come at 6:30 for dessert.

BIBLE STUDY at Lamb's on Tuesday, March 28, at 9:30 am.

CHINO VALLEY BIBLE STUDY – is meeting the first and third Thursday at 2:30 pm. They will be rotating homes so give Keith Namock a call (1-928-800-1599) for further information.

INCLUSIVITY TEAM meets the third Monday of each month at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM. Next meeting is tomorrow March 20.

GRIEF GROUP - Grief Group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. Next meeting is March 9.

COVID UPDATE- In keeping with the new CDC guidelines for masking we are recommending that everyone wear a mask as needed. Please do wear a mask if you are personally at higher risk or are protecting a high risk loved one. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

ENDOWMENT - Committee Seeks Applications by June 1st. Applications may be picked up at the church office and on our website: elcpvaz.org. Are you aware of the mission carried out on your behalf as a member of the ELCA? You can find out more by going to WWW.ELCA.Org. You will find information about Global Missions, Young Adults in Global Mission, World Hunger and much, much more. If a mission touches your heart submit an application! We will distribute the funds by June 30th.

<p>Want to learn more about Emmanuel? Subscribe to our weekly newsletter by going to our website at www.elcpvaz.org.</p>

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