

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA
Worship Bulletin Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021
First Sunday in Lent – 11 AM
Holy Communion

*Prior to Worship, please text Prayers to Holy Cross’
 “Text in Church” # 314.329.0487
 & Pastor will lift them
 during Prayers of the People today*

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All make the sign of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Keeper of the Covenant,
 The Source of steadfast Love, our Rock and Redeemer. **Amen.**

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.

Fountain of Living Water,
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!

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 to Jesus.
Amen!

GATHERING SONG *Ancient Words* CCLI Song # 2986399

<p>Verse 1 Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world They resound with God's own heart O let the ancient words impart</p> <p>Verse 2 Words of life words of hope Give us strength help us cope In this world where'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home</p> <p>Chorus Ancient words ever true Changing me changing you We have come with open hearts O let the ancient words impart</p>	<p>Verse 3 Holy words of our faith Handed down to this age Came to us through sacrifice O heed the faithful words of Christ</p> <p>Verse 4 Martyr's blood stains each page They have died for this faith Hear them cry through the years Heed these words and hold them dear</p> <p>Ending We have come with open hearts O let the ancient words impart O let the ancient words impart</p>
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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Holy God, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen...,

...May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over
us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

KIDS' MESSAGE Includes **FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17** Read by Pastor

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.**

(Rest of Kid's Message)

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 Read by Worship Assistant and **All / Pastor (Verses in Bold)**

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My 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.

⁴**Show 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.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion 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 goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly 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 Read by Worship Assistant

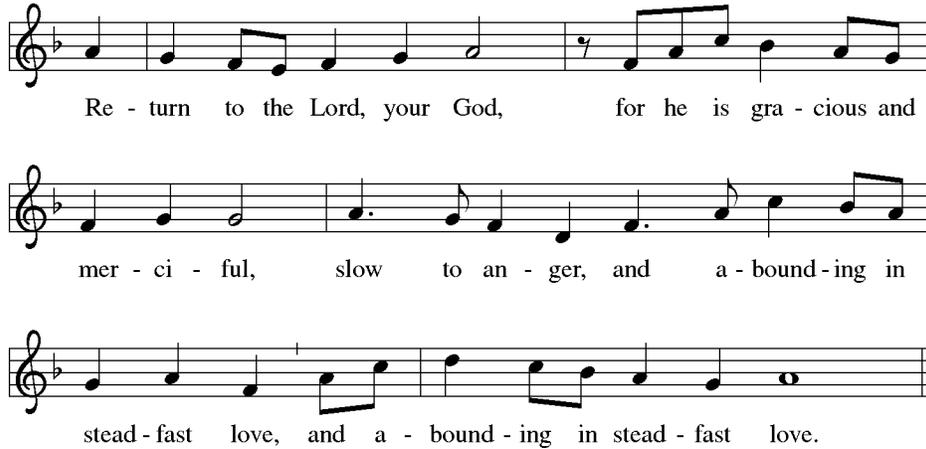
A reading from 1 Peter.

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.

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 Read by the Worship Asst.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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 A Global Guarantee in a Global World

HYMN OF THE DAY *The River* CCLI Song # 4316864

<p>Verse 1 To the river I am going Bringing sins I cannot bear Come and cleanse me come forgive me Lord I need to meet You there</p> <p>Verse 2 In these waters healing mercy Flows with freedom from despair I am going to that river Lord I need to meet You there</p>	<p>Chorus Precious Jesus I am ready To surrender ev'ry care Take my hand now lead me closer Lord I need to meet You there</p> <p>Verse 3 Come and join us in the river Come find life beyond compare He is calling He is waiting Jesus longs to meet you there He is calling He is waiting Jesus longs to meet you there</p> <p>Ending Take my hand now lead me closer Lord I need to meet You there</p>
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CREED *The 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE LED BY WORSHIP ASST.

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the Good News of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All your paths are loving and faithful. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer

Sionie Elavsky, Vika** (Yelena Barnhart's aunt, recovering at home on oxygen), **Keith DeCamp, Myron and Patsy Holm, Adam Jackson, Betty Kent, Al Leimbach, Vera Bannen** (heart monitoring), **Lois Ristau** (recovering from recent surgery), **Wayne Mosher** (cardiac issues), **Dennis McCracken** (moved into Hospice care), **Tara** (Mary Bailey's daughter), **Scotty Larson** (can now put her own body brace on and graduated from therapy, exercising on her own), **Bud Niebling** (recovering from carpal tunnel surgery), **Dot Bangert** (at home recovering), **Steve** (friend of Tocco's & Rockwell's), **Leah, Michael Rockwell** (upcoming surgery), **Donna Jackson** (recovering from broken ribs), **Lloyd Campbell** (tests for cancer), **Jack Hamill** (laser eye surgery for glaucoma to relieve pressure), **JR** (Merry Franklin's brother is having health issues), **Todd Halter** (Merry Franklin's nephew is having heart issues), **Marty Little** (for wellness), **Bryce Mosher & family** (Tested positive for Covid - isolating from family, praying no one else becomes ill), **Lisa** (daughter of Hilde, Helen Krull's sister, home from recent hospitalization), **Gayl Pease** (Goddaughter of Sandy Kalin. She need testing for cysts), **Seth Andrews** (Godson of Sandy Kalin. He has blood clots in his legs), **Hannah** (a young mother with many challenges in her life), **Jackie Johnson

Remembering families in their time of need.

The Family of Pat Woracheck,

***The Family of Donna Breidenbach.** Dear friend of Clint & Jayne Kasten*

***The Snelson Family.** For the passing of Brian's father*

*A Special Prayer for those who are working in these extreme cold and snowy conditions... **Road crews, Police and County Sheriff Officers, & Utility Workers, and all others who spend more time out in the elements** - God, please keep them safe and warm. And also remember those who do not have permanent housing... keep the shelters open so they can find warmth and food.*

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern as we embark on a new Strategic Vision and Capital Campaign to pay off the building debt. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered from Text-in-Church or emails to Pastor.

Pastor: In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING *Please continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through*

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2) through a new mobile App called GIVEPLUS+ is available from your mobile store online

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OFFERING SONG Remembrance CCLI Song # 5484616 CCLI License # 1787498

<p>Verse 1 Oh how could it be That my God would welcome me Into this mystery Say take this bread take this wine Now the simple made divine For any to receive Pre-Chorus By Your mercy we come to Your table By Your grace You are making us faithful Chorus Lord we remember You And remembrance leads us to worship And as we worship You Our worship leads to communion We respond to Your invitation (We respond to Your invitation) We remember You</p>	<p>Verse 2 See His body His blood Know that He has overcome Ev'ry trial we will face And none too lost to be saved None too broken or ashamed All are welcome in this place Bridge Dying You destroyed our death Rising You restored our life Lord Jesus come in glory Lord Jesus come in glory Lord Jesus come in glory Lord Jesus come in glory</p>
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OFFERING PRAYER *After the table is set, the assisting minister leads.*

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

At all times and in all places
We 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

[For Home Communion, please HOLD UP your Communion Elements]

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for Home Communion.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *The assisting minister leads.*

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.**

SENDING **God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONG The Blessing CCLI Song # 7147007 CCLI License # 1787498

<p>Verse The Lord bless you And keep you Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you The Lord turn his Face toward you And give you peace</p> <p>Chorus Amen Amen Amen</p> <p>Bridge May his favor Be upon you And a thousand generations And your family And your children And their children And their children</p>	<p>Bridge May his presence Go before you And behind you And beside you All around you And within you He is with you He is with you</p> <p>Bridge In the morning In the evening In your coming And your going In your weeping And rejoicing He is for you He is for you</p> <p>Tag He is for you He is for you</p>
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WE ARE GRATEFUL!

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