

**WELCOME HOME!**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2018**



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*On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*

## GATHERING

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

### GATHERING

#### Even Now

Rick Founds/Bill Batstone

1. Je - sus, Lord of heav - en, the One who shall en - dure; Ev - er -  
 2. Je - sus, Son of Da - vid, send Your ho - ly light; Let me

last - ing ev - er faith - ful, ev - er pure. I know that I will see You, I be -  
 feel the warmth of heav - en deep in - side. May a vi - sion of Your glo - ry

lieve that it is true that in heav - en's joy I'll be there close to You.  
 flood my point of view as in faith I bow in prayer and look to You.

How I long to see You, e - ven now. May my eyes be o - pen, e - ven now.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

### OPENING HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress v1, 2, 4*

ELW504

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

God of heaven and earth,  
you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,  
embrace your forgiveness,  
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**forgive us.**  
**Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.**  
**We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**  
*Silence.*

**We were silent when we should have said something.**  
*Silence.*

**We acted when we knew better.**  
*Silence.*

**We were still when we know we should have moved.**  
*Silence.*

**For the wrong we have done,  
for the good we have failed to do,  
have mercy on us,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

People of God, look to the † Son,  
given to heal you and set you free  
because God loved the world so much.  
Take hold of life—eternal life!  
**Amen.**

## GREETING

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

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

### Refrain

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity  
of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the  
strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### *Sanctuary*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
sanctuary for You.**

*Please be seated.*

**\* Children are now invited for Sunday School.**

## WORD

### **First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17**

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 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. 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." 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: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 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. 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." 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."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10**

To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

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

Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.**

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.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

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.

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

You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

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**

*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.*

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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and  
mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

### **Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

*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.*

The holy gospel according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and 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**

*Please be seated.*



## SERMON GLEN EGERTSON

### Notes

**HYMN OF THE**

*Jesus, Still Lead On*

**ELW 624**

*Please stand.*

### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and**

**glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. For all who preach, teach, and inspire your people to lives of service. Renew your church in ministry, mission, and compassion. Unite us in faith, and uphold us in the promises of baptism. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. For the well-being of both our own surroundings and of distant places. For favorable weather and sustaining rains. For creatures awakening from hibernation or beginning seasonal migrations. Provide safe habitats and abundant food for all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. For all who govern or hold positions of authority. For those who work to make their communities safe from violence. Protect all who place themselves in danger to save others from harm. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For those moving to new communities. For individuals who are incarcerated or recently released from prison. For those who are abused or neglected, for the lonely, and for those who are ill (*especially for Diane, Nelson, Avery, James, Jerry, Carl, and Cecilia*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. For musicians, artists, and poets who help us envision your love through word, image, and song. For those who have faced exclusion or felt forgotten. For all who reach out in love and welcome. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, aloud with our voices or silently in our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Have mercy, O God.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. As they receive the fulfillment of your promises made to them in baptism, sustain us in the hope of resurrection life with you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.*  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

## **MEAL**

**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING**     *The Offering is received as the table is prepared.*

**OFFERING ANTHEM**

*A Lenten Walk*

**Chancel Choir**

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY

### As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Assisting Minister:* Merciful God,  
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving  
and the offering of our lives,  
that following in the way of the cross,  
we may know the joy of the resurrection;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

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 hymn titled "Great Thanksgiving". It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains "It is right to give our thanks\_ and praise." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

It is indeed right and our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by the struggles of our life we appeal to you, our Loving God, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who died at human hands but who then rose from death to life. He proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice and make our life and all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**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.**

*The presider breaks the bread.*

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
**We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

*Please be seated.*

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Return to God with all your heart.  
Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

# Lamb of God

Richard Webb/Daniel Vazquez

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.

## COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

*Praise Him, All Ye Little Children*

**Julian Beal, piano**

## COMMUNION SONG

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

**ELW 325**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words:  
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,  
keep and unite us, now and forever.*

**Amen.**



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Assisting Minister:* 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 Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,  
and claimed us as children of the light,  
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you † peace.  
**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Guild Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

**ELW 618**

## **DISMISSAL**

*Assisting Minister:*  
Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** *The congregation is invited to stay and listen.*

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# *Welcome!*

**Welcome to Worship.** We are a group of flawed people, joining together to be a part of God's family. Welcome to you as we worship together! Please worship with us again!

## **Those Who Serve**

Ministers: The People of Faith Lutheran

Minister of Music: Irmengard Jennings

Pre-school Director: Christina Ornelas

Office Administrator: Curene Stoltz

<b>Stewards of Service</b>		
	<b>February 18</b>	<b>February 25</b>
Asst. Minister and Communion Asst.	Steve Cady	Steve Cady
Reader	Ned Morgan	
Ushers	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	Rachel Mkanza	Charlotte Beal
Soundboard	Richard Beal	Richard Beal
Altar Care	Eloise Johnson and Bonnie Strack	Eloise Johnson and Bonnie Strack
Sunday School Teacher	Jenny Beal	Jenny Beal
Sunday School Helper	TBD	TBD
Lock-up	George and Pat Motschall	George and Pat Motschall

<b>OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK</b>	
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF WORSHIPPERS LAST WEEK: 40</b>	
<b>OFFERING AMOUNT FOR LAST WEEK:</b>	<b>\$2,373.00</b>
<b>FEBRUARY OFFERING AMOUNT TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$ 6,164.28</b>
<b>MONTHLY OFFERING AMOUNT NEEDED:</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>



Mary Wambsganss  
 Weston Koger  
 Edith Lokker

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

	<b>This Week at Faith</b>
Today 2/18	9:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Team prac. 10:30 am Worship Service
Monday 2/19 Office Closed	7:00 pm N.A.
Tuesday 2/20 Office Open 8:30 am to 3 pm	10:00 am Alanon 1;30 pm Bible Study Leaders meeting 5:30 pm Preschool Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Council meeting 7:30 pm N.A.
Wednesday 2/21 Office Open 8:30 am to 3 pm	5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Joyful Sounds Bellringers Prac. 7:00 pm Faith Ringer prac. 7:30 pm Chancel Choir prac. 7:30 pm N.A.
Thursday 2/22 Office Open 8:30 am to 3 pm	7:30 pm N.A.
Friday 2/23 Office Open 8:30 am to 3 pm	7:30 pm N.A.
Saturday 2/24	7:30 am O.A. 9:30 am Food Pantry 10:00 am A.A.  7:30 pm N.A.

**Please sign your name somewhere on the sign-up sheet.**



President's Day	Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> Office Closed
Soup Supper	Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> 5:30 pm
Soup Supper	Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
Soup Supper	March 7 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
Day Light Savings	March 11 <sup>th</sup>
Soup Supper	Marth 14 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
Soup Supper	March 21 <sup>st</sup> 5:30 pm
Soup Supper	March 28 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
Maundy Thursday	March 29 <sup>th</sup>
Good Friday Service	March 30 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm
Easter Service	April 1 <sup>st</sup> 10:30 am

We are looking for volunteers in many areas, please see  
Curene or erwin if you want to help.