



THE KINGDOM
OF GOD
HAS COME NEAR;
REPENT,
AND BELIEVE IN
THE GOOD NEWS.

MARK 1:15, NRSV

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

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.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who C Amen.

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C Amen.



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his

thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 he bore the shameful cross and death;
 for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
 for love so deep, so high, so broad:
 the Trinity whom we adore
 forever and forevermore.

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

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

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.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10

Spoken responsively

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 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.

**⁸You 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

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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

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.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the first chapter.

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

GOSPEL: MARK 1:9-15

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

PR. BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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.**

THE PRAYERS

A Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

A God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God our strength, bring safety and peace to the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Ukraine, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land as they face times of conflict. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair, especially Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, Liz Utech, and Martha Nemeth. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble here and in the congregations of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Valley Falls, and St. Mark Lutheran Church in Waterville, Kansas, St. Paul Lutheran Church in West Plains, Missouri, and Oaks Indian Mission in Oaks, Oklahoma. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God our life, you give us joy. Shower blessings on Loretta Hoerman as she celebrates her birthday, and on Troy Pomeroy and Brett Henry as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Please stand as you are able.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

P It is indeed right, 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, 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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 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 Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. We have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

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.

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 when in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!
Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Feb. 18 Community Relations committee meeting.....9:30 AM
Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM
 Coffee Hour after worship
 Mon., Feb. 19March *Trinity Tidings* deadline
 Tues., Feb. 20..... Quilters9:30 AM
 Wed., Feb. 14 Lenten Worship @ Trinity..... Noon
 Soup Supper @ Our Saviors 5:30 PM
 Lenten Worship @ Our Saviors 6:15 PM
 Sun., Feb. 25.....Children's Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM
 Coffee Hour after worship

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Feb. 18	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Barb Jones	Steve Luoma
Feb. 25	Cindy McGinnis	Curt Lewis, Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	Mike & Shelley Andrews

Lenten Services

February 21 – “Repentance” Matthew 4:1-20

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Merle

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper..... 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Merle

February 28 – “Fasting” Isaiah 58:3-7

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Barb

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper..... 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Barb

March 6th – “Prayer” Ephesians 1:15-23

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Merle

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper..... 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Merle

March 13th – “Sacrificial Giving” 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Barb

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Barb

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper..... 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Barb

March 20th – “Works of Love” John 4:9-12

12:00 noon Trinity with Pr Merle

5:30 pm Our Saviors - Soup Supper..... 6:15 pm Our Saviors with Pr Merle

Doorstep continues to need gently used clothing items: men’s jeans & slacks (all sizes, especially 28-40), men’s shoes, pajamas & underwear, men’s sweatpants, sweatshirts & hoodies, kids winter clothing (all sizes), women’s sweatpants (all sizes), boys jeans & slacks (all sizes), boys sweatpants (all sizes) & shirts (sizes 5-18), girls & teens jeans (all sizes), girls clothing (sizes 3-14)

Household items: blankets, comforters/quilts (all sizes), twin & queen sheet sets, and small appliances & pots & pans

Hygiene items: full size shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, & 2n1 shampoo/conditioner

We need the following food items: all soup, canned tomatoes, beans, corn, canned milk, crackers, peas, green beans

Donations accepted: Monday – Friday 9am – 2pm

1119 SW 10th Ave (10th & Buchanan)

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Check their website for winter weather closing policy information

www.doorsteptopeka.org/



Bob & Janeen Horton delivered **159 pounds** of food from Trinity to Doorstep for the Souper Bowl collection. Some items were taken directly to Doorstep, and a check will be sent soon, making the total even more!

Thanks to all Trinity members who contributed.

**Thank you, Thrivent clients with membership,
for directing Choice Dollars® to us.**

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OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Jan. 21	\$2,149.00	\$0.00	\$2,149.00	-\$1,653.85	\$495.15	39/39
Jan. 28	\$3,066.00	\$0.00	\$3,066.00	-\$2,211.54	\$854.46	32/28
Feb. 4	\$991.00	\$25.00	\$1,016.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,195.54	28/25
Feb. 11	\$1,287.34	\$0.00	\$1,287.34	-\$2,211.54	-\$924.20	29/24
				Expense		
		Jan.2024	\$8,851.47	-\$8,849.15	\$2.32	
		Jan. - Jan.	\$8,851.47	-\$8,849.15	\$2.32	

REFLECTIONS for LENT 2024



Written by
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Synod of the ELCA.

the POINT of all of this... These devotions mean something to us because they are *ours*. They are written by Lutherans here in Missouri and Kansas with different experiences, perspectives, and talents. By sharing these stories, we are inviting one another to know God as we do. We hope that these stories help you see God more clearly active in your own life.

how to use this

DEVOTIONAL...

Plan a time each day that works for you. It might be when you wake up or go to bed, before a meal, waiting in the car for kids, or with a loved one. Set an alarm to remind you if it helps. If you miss a few days, pick up with today's reflection. You can mark what you miss to go back later.

We encourage you to read the full scripture passage listed at the top of each page to hear the context of God's Word, but it's not a requirement.

Finish by with the prayer. Feel free to add anything God has moved you to say, anything else on your heart, or additional prayers you've learned.

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www.hosannatogether.org/devotion.

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Scan the QR code with your phone to access the devotions. And there are some printed copies in the narthex.

Looking ahead to summer, Camp Tomah Shinga has provided an easy way for us to give them a helping hand with the ministry they provide. They have created a wish list on Amazon.com. Go to <https://camptomahshinga.com/> and scroll down to the section labelled "Amazon Wish List". Click on the blue "check it out" button and it will take you to their wish list. So easy!





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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Caring for Our Neighbors

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (*Matthew 25:44-45*). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (*Philippians 2:4*).

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