

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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*Rooted in Faith * Growing in Spirit * Reaching out to Those in Need*

8:30 am Lord's Prayer Sunday February 18, 2018

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 "Lenten Favorites" Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" ELW #304

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(based on the Lord's Prayer)*
(please stand)

Faithful Father, forgive us for the times that we forget who you are—our loving Father, our great Redeemer, and our ever-present help in times of trouble, whose Spirit is forever with us.

Forgive us when we act in ways that shame your name; help us to honor and praise your name by all we think, say, and do. Forgive us when we selfishly focus on our own lives and church and fail to bring your love and grace to the world around us.

Forgive us for when we wish to remain safe, when we wish to remain sheltered, for when we don't have time to open our eyes to the hurting people around us—in our neighborhoods, congregation, cities, our country, and our world. Help us be bearers of your kingdom and willingly and faithfully do your work.

Forgive us when we fail to trust you with our daily needs, when we rely too much on ourselves, and when we forget where every good and perfect gift comes from.

Forgive us when we trust in creatures and material things. Teach us to put trust in you alone, and, in so doing, willingly give of ourselves to help share the blessings we have so graciously received from you.

Forgive us for those times when we harden our hearts toward those who have hurt us, forgetting that, time and again, you forgive us when we have hurt you. We confess those times when we fall into temptation, despite your Holy Spirit calling us to obedience.

Forgive us for those times when we don't even realize that we are hurting others or that we are hurting you and your kingdom work. Give us the strength of your Spirit to stand firm against temptation and sin.

May our lives point to you, not to ourselves, because it is only in the power and glory of Jesus Christ that we receive life. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need, and satisfy those who persist in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom and do your will on earth as in heaven. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Lord’s Prayer”
Alan LaFave

Malotte

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

Pew Bible OT, p. 8

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

Pew Bible NT, p. 252

LENTEN VERSE *(please stand)*



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.

The holy gospel according to Mark chapter 1.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:8b-13

Pew Bible NT, p. 6

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Marcia

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Still Lead On”
(please stand on last verse)

ELW #624

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.** *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(based on a paraphrase of Luther’s Small Catechism)*

Let us pray:

Congregation: Our Father in heaven

God wants us to believe that he is really our Father and we are really his children. That is why we know we can pray to him, just like children talk to their parents who love them.

Congregation: Hallowed be your name

God’s name is treated as something special whenever God’s Word is taught as true and right, and we as children of God live by what it says. Help us to do this, heavenly Father. But whenever someone teaches or goes against the Word of God, they give God a bad name. Keep us from doing this, heavenly Father.

Congregation: Your kingdom come.

God is the King of our lives when our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that we trust in God’s Word and live the way God wants us to, both now and forever.

Congregation: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

God does his work when he blocks and beats every evil plan and work of the devil, the world, and our flesh, so that nothing will stop us from respecting his name or keep him from being our King. God does his work when he makes our faith strong and keeps us believing in his Word as long as we live. This is God’s kind and good work.

Congregation: Give us today our daily bread.

Daily bread means everything we need for this life, including our food and clothes, our home and belongings, the work we do and the money we make, our family and workers, good leaders and government, good weather, peace and health, self-control and being respected, having faithful friends and neighbors, and other good things such as these.

Congregation: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

We ask in this prayer that God would not hold the bad things we do against us, and decide not to hear our prayers. We know that we deserve to be punished for the wrong we have done, so we pray that God would be good us, based only on his love. That is why we also want to forgive, and are happy to do good, even when people do bad to us.

Congregation: Lead us not into temptation.

When we do wrong things, it is our fault not God's. The reason we pray is to ask God to watch over us and keep us safe, so that we will not be tricked by the devil, the world, and our own bad ideas, and start to believe the wrong things or give up hope. And when we feel like doing wrong, we pray that God will make us stronger and win us back.

Congregation: But deliver us from evil.

This prayer includes many things, because we are asking that our heavenly Father would save us from everything that could hurt us. We also ask that when we die and leave this world, God would take care of us forever.

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the "For Children Everywhere" box.

OFFERING HYMN "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" ELW #599

OFFERING PRAYER (please stand)

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.

Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 (please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONG "Thy Holy Wings" ELW #613

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (please stand)

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

Everlasting God, we thank you that you have fed us with the light and life of your son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You have righteousness and life through Christ!

Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN **“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”** **ELW #517**

POSTLUDE **“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”** **David Cherwien**

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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.”

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.

GOSPEL**Matthew 8b-13**

^{8b} your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.