

Welcome to Worship
St. Luke's Evangelical
Lutheran Church



First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024



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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

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To the Glory of God

February Candles: [*available for signup*](#)

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Choir rehearsals are Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. You may join us anytime. Everyone age 16 and older is invited to join us. Come and lift your voice in praise to God.

North Baltimore Food Pantry February requested donations include: mac & cheese, pasta, and pasta sauces. Perhaps regular donations to the community food pantry could be one of your goals for Lent.

Order of Worship

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God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.

**please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.

GOD GATHERS US

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Loving God." When you exhale, pray, "help me to listen."

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this day, friend and stranger, all loved by God.

ALL: We gather to worship, to offer concern and joy, and to be reminded to love, as we have been loved.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*GATHERING HYMN #326

BLESS NOW, O GOD, THE JOURNEY

*AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please take a moment for personal reflection.

Leader: Holy God,

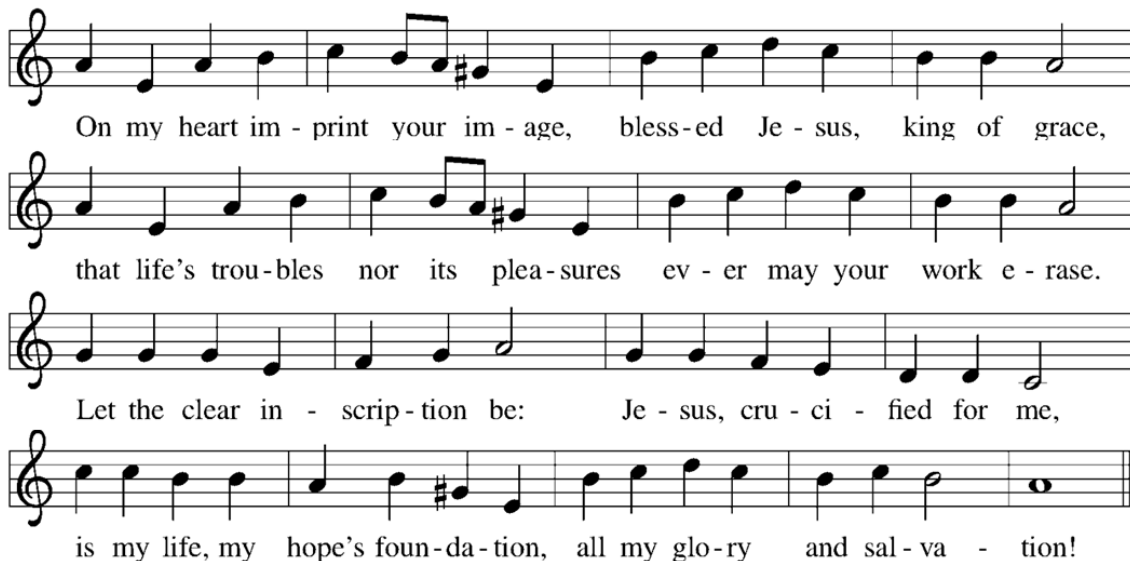
ALL: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

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.

Leader: 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. Amen.

*** LENTEN CANTICLE**

ELW HYMN 811



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,
that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: 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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

FIRST READING

GENESIS 9:8-17

Reader: God 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.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM READING

(responsively)

Psalm 25:1-10

Reader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

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

Reader: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

ALL: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

Reader: 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.

ALL: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Reader: 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.

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

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

ALL: All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:18-22

Reader: 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, 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.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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 READING

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.

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

Leader: In 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."

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE MESSAGE

*HYMN OF THE DAY #618

GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER

*A LENTEN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Please join me as we confess our faith for the journey ahead.

ALL: We believe in God, creator and sustainer of all that is and all that is to come, the God of our living and our loving.

We believe in the cross of Christ, drenched in hatred and cruelty, yet overflowing with God's unquenchable love that we might be free.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, poured into our hearts. We believe in the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, despised by the world, but our way of life.

We believe that, through faith our sins are forgiven, and that we will be with Christ, our Savior and Lord, our divine friend, in heavenly glory; life that never ends. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

Prayer Leader: 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.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Hear us, O God. **ALL: your mercy is great.**

We pray for We pray for Don, Emily, Carl, Jim, Pat, Rick, Kolton, Ron, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Barb, Chase, Bob, Cali, Howard, Emelyn, Isabella, Kevin, Shirley, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Teresa, Doug, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Ashley, Beth, Holly, Tessa, Riker, Kelly, Al, Pat, Dan, and Cooper.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As we journey through Lent together, let us share the peace of Christ with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: and also with you.

“Please share God’s peace.”

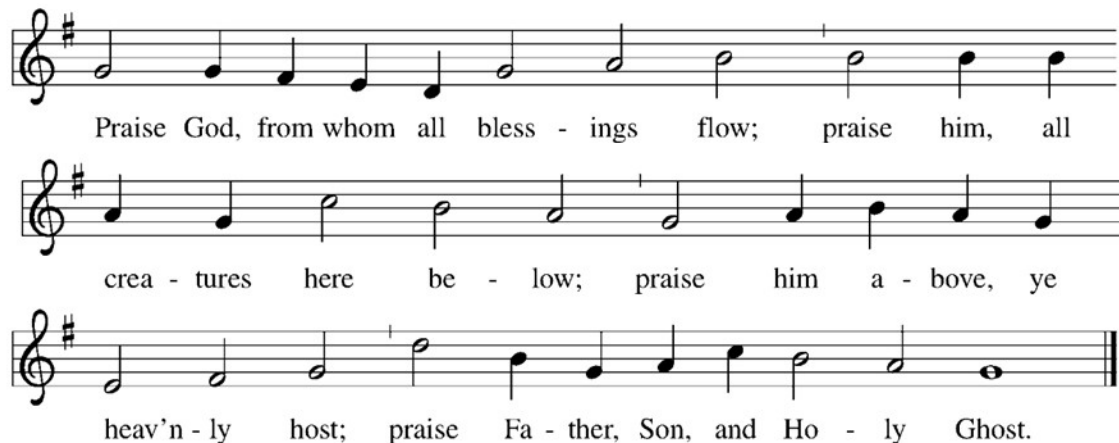
INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: Remembering that all we are and all that we have are gifts from God, let us with grateful hearts give back to God our tithes and offerings, and our time and talents.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Heavenly Father, we pray that our giving will result in the advancement of your kingdom here on earth. Help us use the resources we share to reach the lost in our community and throughout the world. Help us care for the needy. Amen.

GOD NOURISHES US

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly good, right.....evermore praising you and singing:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

MELODY TUNE; ELW HYMN 666



1. Ho - ly, most ho - ly God, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, your
2. Blest be the One who bears God's blest name un - to us. Blest



glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. "Ho - san - na!" an - gels cry.
be the ho - ly name of our Lord. Let Je - sus' name be blest,



"Ho - san - na!" we re - ply. "Ho - san - na, God most high, Lord of
by all the world con - fessed. Our high - est and our best prais - es



love, high a - bove. Ho - san - na, might - y Lord, God of love."
ring, an - thems sing: "Ho - san - na, Christ our Lord, God and King!"

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, given to you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do in remembrance of me." **ALL: Amen**

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

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

Leader: As beloved children of God we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

***THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US**

**All: 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**

*LAMB OF GOD

SETTING 2 PG. 135



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come to the table where heaven and earth are joined as one!

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*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

(Verse 1)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Please join me prayer,

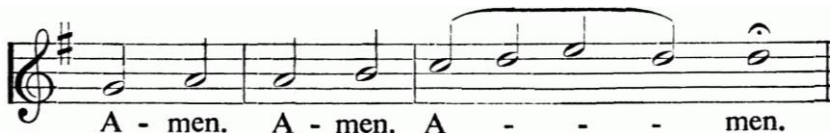
ALL: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

GOD SENDS US

*BLESSING

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✠ peace.

*THE AMEN



*SENDING HYMN

HE LEADETH ME

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*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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HE LEADETH ME



- 1 He lead - eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav' n-ly com- fort fraught!
- 2 Some- times mid scenes of deep- est gloom, some- times where E - den's bow- ers bloom,
- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
- 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic- t'ry's won,



What- e'er I do, wher- e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
by wa - ters calm, o'er trou- bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
con - tent, what- ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.



Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

WE GIVE THANKS: for the season of Lent. A time of reflection and renewal. Thanks be to God!

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MILITARY: for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

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WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS: all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

THE WORLD: for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

The Power of Water

Water is an integral part of the created order. Water sustains and fosters life; too little or too much water can end it. A glance at the news headlines points out the destructive power of water's presence or absence: In the United States alone, 2011 saw severe droughts afflict several parts of the country. On the opposite end of the spectrum, floods ravaged the Plains states in the spring and summer, displacing from their homes many people who live near rivers and streams. For those dwelling on or near the Eastern Seaboard, hurricane season is a tense time every year. Yet we need more than we need food, "staples" of human life. We have established our sources of water. We without it.



water as much or more shelter, or the other Since ancient times we communities near cannot survive long

The tension between the saving and destructive powers of water fills today's lectionary readings. The waters of the flood overwhelmed the world in the days of Noah, yet 1 Peter reminds us that God delivered Noah and his family from death. The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus only after his baptism by John, yet the Spirit immediately drives Jesus into the desert—a place defined by its lack of water. Through water and the word, in baptism our old, sinful self is put to death, and we are reborn as children of God. But the current that flows through these paradoxes is this: in death and life, in flood and drought, God remains faithful. As the psalmist reminds us, God's mercy and steadfast love "are from everlasting."

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