



Making
Room...

for Lent

Season of Lent

United Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 21, 2021
Worship at 10:15 a.m.

~ Gathering ~

Welcome to worship this First Sunday in Lent, February 21, 2021. We are glad you are here and we welcome all to live, learn, and share the love of Jesus Christ!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION TIME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS*

**Please stand as you are able.*

In preparation for worship we make confession of our sins to God asking for God's forgiveness for all our failures to live as God intends. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

All: Amen.

P: 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,

C: 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.

P: 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. Make room for the way of Jesus.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

ELW Hymn #319



1	O	Lord, through - out	these	for - ty	days	you
2	You	strove with Sa - tan,	and	you	won;	your
3	Though	parched and hun - gry,	yet	you	prayed	and
4	Be	with us through this	sea - son,	Lord,		and



prayed and kept	the fast;	in - spire	re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness	en - dured;	lend us	your nerve, your
fixed your mind	a - bove;	so teach	us to de -
all our earth - ly	days,	that when	the fi - nal



for our sin, and	free us from our	past.
skill and trust	in God's e -	ter - nal word.
ny our - selves	that we may	know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns,	we join in	heav - en's praise.

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

from Unfailing Light liturgy

Assisting Minister

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

All

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

Assisting Minister

Petition..... let us pray.

Assisting Minister

Help, save, com-fort and de - fend us, O God.

All

A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

MINISTRY THROUGH MUSIC

Worship Team

~ 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.”

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the Day:
The main thoughts of the day are collected, or summarized in this short prayer. The prayers for the season of the church year have come to us from the rich treasury of the church's heritage.

First Reading:
Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God 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.

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

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 everlast-**

ing.
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.
¹⁰**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

Second Reading:

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.

P : Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

from ELW page #125

**Please stand as you are able.*

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st Chapter.

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

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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Karla Coen-Tuff

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Holy Wings

ELW Hymn #613

Hymn of the Day:
This hymn follows
the theme of the
readings and reflects the
message of the sermon.



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

APOSTLES' CREED*

ELW Page #126

**Please stand
as you are able.*

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: ...Lord in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

GREETING OF PEACE

Creed:

We respond to God's word together when we say the Creed. Creed comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe". In our worship we use either the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. These Creeds were written over 1700 years ago so the world would know what Christians believe.

Prayers of Intercession

These prayers in the service follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, a pastor: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness".

~Meal~

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

The offering will be received at the doors.

OFFERING SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart O God
(call and response)

Ben Splichal Larson

Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God,

and put a new and right spir - it with - in me.

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence,

And do not take your ho - ly spir - it from me.

Re - turn to me the joy of your sal - va - tion.

Sus - tain a new and will - ing spir - it with in me.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God,

and put a new and right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

from Unfailing Light liturgy

The Great Thanksgiving

The opening dialogue between pastor and people that begins the Holy Communion part of the service. These words, dating from the second century, are likely the most ancient part of the Great Thanksgiving

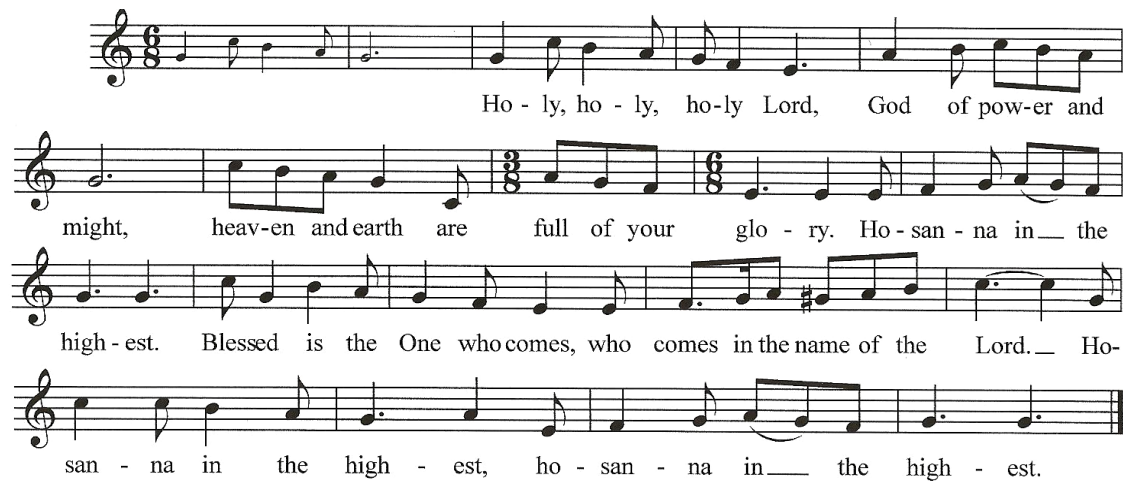
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

from Unfailing Light liturgy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution
Jesus' words (from the Last Supper, Matthew 26:26-28) used with the bread and wine, makes this sacrament a 'means of grace' or way that God brings His love and forgiveness to us.

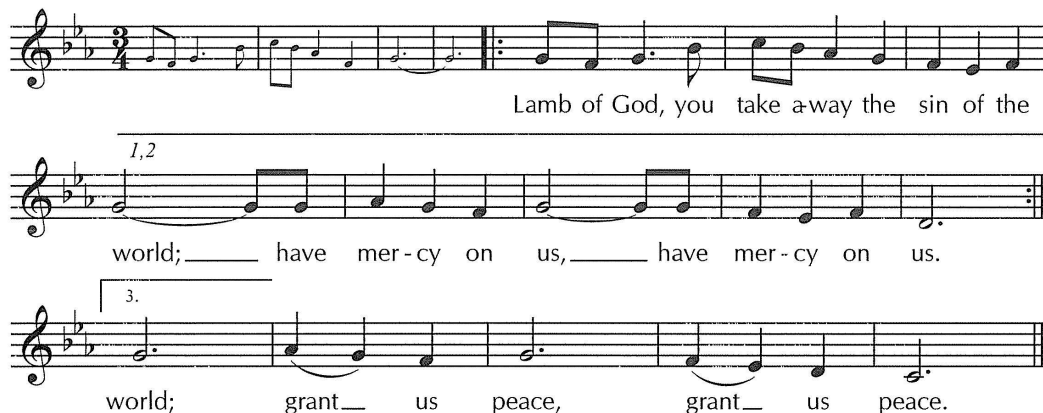
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

from Unfailing Light liturgy



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

~ Sending ~

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Blessing/
Benediction:**
This prayer asking for God's blessing upon the assembly as we go out into the world doing God's will.



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Kyrie, Holy, Holy, Holy, The Great Thanksgiving, Lamb of God, Unfailing Light Liturgy; ELW page #125, Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us; Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God, Ben Splichal Larson; ELW Hymn #319, O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days; ELW Hymn #613, Thy holy Wings; ELW Hymn #783, Praise and Thanks and Adoration.
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POSTLUDE

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The Week Ahead at United Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

- 9:00am - Adult Education on the Gospel of John (LG)
- 9:00am - Sunday School over Zoom
- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA/1310AM KNOX/Facebook LIVE)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

- 10:00am - Staff Meeting (LG)
- 5:30pm - United Serving the Love Feast (Zion United Methodist)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

- 6:15pm - Worship (Facebook LIVE)
- 7:00pm - 9th Grade Confirmation (Zoom)
- 7:00pm - Faith Friends (Zoom)
- 7:30pm - 6th-8th Grade Confirmation (Zoom)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

- 1:30pm - Adult Education on the Gospel of John (LG)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**OFFICE CLOSED****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**

- 9:00am - Adult Education on the Gospel of John (LG)
- 9:00am - Sunday School over Zoom
- 10:15am - Worship/Communion (SA/1310AM KNOX/Facebook LIVE)
- 12:00pm - Baptism of Hudson Ray Kuntz
- 2:00pm - Winter Family Fun Day (Lincoln Drive Park)