



The Holy Communion  
9:30 AM

The First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 2021

Palm Lutheran Church

## ***Welcome to Worship with Palm Congregation***

Greetings in the name of the triune God. All the baptized are invited to join in the celebration of the Lord's Supper today. Please receive the Sacrament trusting that the crucified and risen Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, and that Christ himself instituted this meal for your strengthening of faith, growth in grace, and forgiveness of sin.

### ***Worship Notes***

- **Welcome Packets for Guests** are located at the ushers stand. The packets contain information about liturgical worship at Palm congregation and our different ministries.
- **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available in the narthex. An usher will be glad to assist you.
- **Please fill out a communion card** if you are visiting today. We will forward it to your home congregation. Members should be sure to fill out a card at least once a year as their formal record of participation for voting membership.

### ***Special Needs?***

- The **Teddy bears** in each pew may be taken to someone in need of a sign of God's love and comfort. If you are able, please place a donation in the envelope attached to the bear, remove the envelope and put it in the offering plate. (Be sure to remove the envelope before giving it to the recipient.) Questions? Call Kitty Wolf at 838-4186.
- A **Prayer Chain** within our congregation gives support to those with prayer concerns. Contact Ann Miller at 507-4807 to add a person's name to the chain. Names will be included for two weeks unless requested for a longer time.
- **Counseling services** for individuals, families, and groups are available through the PACC sponsored Palmyra Area Counseling Center (520 E. Birch Street, Palmyra) at 1-800-452-6517.

**Stephen Ministers are willing** and able to care for you by being present and listening while you live through a difficult time in your life. If you feel a need for this kind of prayerful listening care, call Kitty Wolf (838-4186), Kristie Cavallaro (671-1369), Ann Miller (507-4807), or fill out a lavender form in the pew and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate

# The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

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: "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" Roger Wilson

*\*If you are able, please stand.*

## Gathering

*\*Confession and Forgiveness:*

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

**C: 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.

*If you are able, please kneel.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: 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.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please turn to follow the processional cross as it moves into the Sanctuary.)*

*\*Gathering Song: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" #319*

O Lord, throughout these forty days

You prayed and kept the fast;

Inspire repentance for our sin,

And free us from our past.

Be with us through this season, Lord,

And all our earthly days,  
That when the final Easter dawns,  
We join in heaven's praise.

*\*Apostolic 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.**

*\*Prayer of the Day:*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: 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.**

## Word

*Children's Time*

Jeanette Yewdall

*First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17*

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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." <sup>12</sup>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: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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." <sup>17</sup>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."

The word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm: Psalm 25*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,

**nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**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*

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the un-  
righteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the  
flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and  
made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times  
did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, dur-  
ing the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons,  
were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>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, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of  
God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

**R: Thanks be to God.**

*\*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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

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

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and 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 Carl Rabbe

*\*Nicene Creed:*

C: **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:*

*Response:* Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

*Conclusion:* We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*\*Sharing of the Peace:*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## *Meal*

*\*Offering Prayer:*

A: Let us pray:  
 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.  
**Amen.**

*\*Holy Communion:*

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name  
 and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

*\*Eucharistic Prayer:*

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen**

*\*The Lord's Prayer:*

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

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*\*Invitation to Communion:*

P: Jesus draws the whole world to himself.  
Come to this meal and be fed.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Communion of the Faithful:*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and  
preserve you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Prayer after Communion:*

A: Let us pray.

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.  
**C: Amen.**

## *Sending*

*\*Benediction:*

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.  
God bless you † that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.  
**C: Amen.**

*\*Sending Song*                      “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”    #326

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,  
The path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,  
Then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;  
Your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;  
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

*\*Dismissal:*

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*

## Ministers of the Liturgy

Presiding Minister	Pastor Carl Rabbe
Assisting Minister	Harry Fox
Lector	Steve Oliver
Organist	Steve Inners
Ushers	Robert Baker
	Craig Housel
	Tom Gillespie
	Cory Bender
Nurse	Barry Felt
A/V Ministry	Gunther Gillespie

### Prayer Concerns for our Church Family

Those who are in need of prayer: **Grieving:** the family of Frank Eckert. **Of immediate concern:** Bruce Heffelfinger, John and Arlene Fravel, Ted Hermanson, Leon Riegel, Marta Arnold, Gary Kaszowski ,Bernie LaPine. **Ongoing:** Tony Loy, Amanda Edwards, Nancy Riegel, Margaret Solle, Sharon Blezard, George Henriksen, and Carter.

And for those worshipping at home: George Curfman, Nancy Lilly, and Bob Walmer.



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## Church News

### Gifts given today

Our bread and bulletins are given to the  
Glory of God

The chancel flowers for today are given  
by Fred and Anna Tilberg in honor of  
their grandchildren.



### Please Notice This



**Easter Lily Order forms** are available  
in the Narthex on the long table as you  
leave. Completed forms, along with the  
correct payment amount, may be placed  
in the collection plate, dropped at the  
office, put in Ruth's mailbox, or mailed  
to the church. **The deadline for orders  
is Monday, March 15.**

**Lenten Evening Prayer** happens on Thursday, February 25,  
at 7:00 PM. Make Evening Prayer with your congrega-  
tion part of your Lenten commitment.





## PYG SOUP SALE

The Youth Group at Palm is selling Chicken Corn Soup!

Orders can be placed in any of the following ways:

-Complete and tear off the order ticket below and place it in the box on the Narthex table marked "PYG Soup Sale"

-Call Palm's front office and place your order (717) 838-3311

-Email Michael Williams (youth.director@palmchurch.org) and place your order

Orders will be taken February 21—March 17.

Orders may be picked up on Sunday, March 21 after worship from the Kitchen. More instructions will be forthcoming. Payment will be accepted **with your order**. Cash or checks will be accepted.

**Soup will not be available for sale on the day. Please order and pay ahead.**

Checks should be made out to Palm Lutheran Church.

Proceeds go towards Confirmation Camp Camperships and the National Gathering in Minneapolis next summer!

**REMEMBER**



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