



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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INTRODUCTION

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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018 AT 8:15 A.M.



CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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**Please stand if able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"40 Days"

Insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

*GATHERING SONG

"What the Lord Has Done for Me"

Insert

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: During the season of Lent, we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin.

C: **Wash me through and through from my wickedness. Cleanse me from our sin. My sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Give me the joy of your saving help again. Sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Jesus came into the world to overcome sin, to justify sinners, and to send the blessing of the Spirit. Hear these words now as if they are from Christ himself: Your sins are + forgiven, you are made clean, your spirit is renewed.

C: **Amen.**

*THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

*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: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the wilderness your Son faced temptation and proved faithful. 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 SERMON

*THE GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark. C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Mark 1:9-15

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Paul Christ

*SONG OF THE DAY

"What A Friend"

Insert

*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.**

*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A: Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.**

Edie Connor

MEAL

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Above All”

Insert

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERTORY**

“Communion”

**This is the body. This is the blood. Broken and poured out. For all of us.
And in this communion we share in His love. This is the body. This is the blood.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Edie Connor

A: 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. **C: Amen.**

***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V**

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Lord, 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.

The congregation sits. The following is sung: “Worthy Is the Lamb”

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns. You reign victorious.

High and lifted up. Jesus Son of God. The darling of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat 3X)

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

COMMUNION SONG

“Wayfaring Stranger”

Insert

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Edie Connor

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

***BLESSING** P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Insert

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Lindsey Elrod on her 16th birthday (February 20) by Angela and Shawn Brown.

LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Preacher: Rev. Paul Christ

Assisting Minister: Edie Connor

Acolyte: Lindsey Elrod

Communion Assistants: Greg & Tanya Stephenson

Praise Team Leader & Keyboard: Myra Long

Deacons: Carol Schaefer, Edie Connor

Altar Guild: Rebecca Haddock, Jackie Devlin, David & Lisa Tucker

Tabulators: Hilka Cox, Sue Karen Falls, Celia Hollar, Nick Setzer

Vocalists: Tim Carpenter, Tamarah Hefner, Allyson Sestric, Carol Schaefer

Instrumentalists: Allyson Sestric: Violin & Guitar; Mark Mashburn, Guitar; Aaron Carpenter: Drums

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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GENESIS 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 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. 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.” 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: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 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. 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.” 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.”

PSALM 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous. Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. 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. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. 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. You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore, you teach sinners in your way. You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

1 PETER 3:18-22

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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who 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. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

MARK 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”