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FEBRUARY 21, 2021 ~ 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and personal confession.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved.

In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

All: Amen

GATHERING SONG

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

ELW 319 verses 1 & 4

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.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: A. Davison, Kentucky Harmony, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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Tune Name: Consolation

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

THE PSALMODY: Psalm 25:1-10

THE 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: Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord**

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 given to you. **ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517 Verses 2 & 3

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

Tune Name: Erhalt uns, Herr

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSING

Jesus, we believe you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We love You above all things and we desire to receive You into our souls. Since we cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace You as You are already there, and because of You we are united with You in death and in life. Never permit us to be separated from You. **Amen.**

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

SENDING

BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

I want Jesus to Walk With Me

ELW 325 verses 1 & 3

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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Tune Name: Sojourner
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DISMISSAL

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

++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER LIST++++++

A Special Thank you to Salem's choir for providing the voices for today's hymns. Special thank you to Ruth Phoebus for reading today.

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of our congregation during these unprecedented times. As it becomes clear that we're in this phase for a longer haul, we want to say a particular thanks for your faith, your generosity, and your perseverance. Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of disciple-making and neighbor-loving.

Our Daily Bread ~ 20 casseroles were prepared and delivered for the month of February. Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity. ***ODB has an abundance of meals and has requested we wait until April to contribute the casseroles.***

Easter Lilies ~ Easter is April 4th and the lilies are ordered. Please contact/email Mike Whitacre to sign-up & how you would like the plants designated. In honor of, In memory of, To the glory of God. Each plant is \$8.

ONLINE DONATIONS ~ Donations to Salem Lutheran Church can now be made online. Donations can be made through a bank account or credit card. There is a minimal fee per transaction, (\$0.25 plus 0.5% for bank account or \$0.25 plus 2.5% for credit card transactions). You have the choice to defray costs to the church by paying the fees, otherwise the church will pay these fees. To start donating, sign up for an account and add your financial information. **CLICK ON THE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF SALEM'S WEBSITE TO DONATE!**

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Salem's Lenten Project ~ Throughout the Lenten season, Salem is working through ELCA World Hunger collecting funds to purchase goats at a cost of \$50 each. Donations of any amount will be gladly accepted. Please watch the Online Worship Announcements from Mark Hoefler!

Souper Bowl Results ~ Special thanks to our families of Salem Lutheran and SLCC who participated in our **Souper Bowl Sunday Soup Collection**. Through your combined generosity, **229** cans of soup were collected to feed the hungry in northern Harford County. Thanks also to the generosity of Thrivent Financial, a non-profit financial institution for Christians. With its seed money, our can totals were matched, making them grow to 458 cans of soup that were taken to Mason-Dixon for distribution to needy families. Watch the Online Announcements from Mark Hoefler!

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Mildred Taylor, Family and Friends of Barb Vogel, Carol Porter, Cindy Miller, Family and friends of Ed Barthlome, Charlie Phoebus, Douglas Porter, Austin Phoebus (deployed), Deana Vanhart, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, Kimberley, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Norma Knudsen, Anne Mills, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Capt'n Jim McMahan, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Steve Sussan, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice

Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

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