

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 21, 2021**  
**St. John Lutheran Church**  
**Fairfield, Pennsylvania**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**    *Speak, O Lord*

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**GATHERING**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Greeting**

**Lenten Canticle**        *As the Deer Runs to the River*        331 ELW vs.1,2

1    As the deer runs to the river,  
     parched and weary from the chase,  
     we have come from hurt and hurry,  
     thirsting for your healing grace.

2    When your Israel crossed the desert  
     where no stream or spring was seen,  
     Moses struck the rock, and water  
     flowed for them, refreshing, clean.    *Refrain*

**Refrain**

     Jesus, source of living water,  
     may we drink of you and live!

**Prayer of the Day**

**WORD**

**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. **Thanks be to God.**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer      618 ELW vs 1,2

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| 1    Guide me ever, great Redeemer,<br>pilgrim through this barren land.<br>I am weak, but you are mighty;<br>hold me with your pow'ful hand.<br>Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,<br>feed me now and evermore,<br>feed me now and evermore. | 2    Open now the crystal fountain<br>where the healing waters flow;<br>let the fire and cloudy pillar<br>lead me all my journey through.<br>Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,<br>shield me with your mighty arm,<br>shield me with your mighty arm. |
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**Gospel Acclamation: Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you O Lord**

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

<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.”

The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**      *Thy Holy Wings*      613 ELW vs. 1,3

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| 1    Thy holy wings, O Savior,<br>spread gently over me,<br>and let me rest securely<br>through good and ill in thee.<br>Oh, be my strength and portion,<br>my rock and hiding place,<br>and let my ev'ry moment<br>be lived within thy grace. | 3    Oh, wash me in the waters<br>of Noah's cleansing flood.<br>Give me a willing spirit,<br>a heart both clean and good.<br>Oh, take into thy keeping<br>thy children great and small,<br>and while we sweetly slumber,<br>enfold us one and all. |
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**Intercessions**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**SENDING**

**Sending Hymn**     *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*     ELW 325, vs 1,2

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| 1 I want Jesus to walk with me;<br>I want Jesus to walk with me;<br>all along my pilgrim journey,<br>Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. | 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;<br>in my trials, Lord, walk with me;<br>when my heart is almost breaking,<br>Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. |
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**Blessing**

**Peace**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**     *Choral Song*     Wesley/Wells

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**Easter Lily Sponsorship-** It's that time of year to sponsor Easter Lilies. The cost is \$10 per Lily and can be sponsored in honor/memory of someone. ***Please email, mail, or drop off at the office with payment no later than Sunday, February 28th.*** St John hopes to be having services in person soon. If that is not possible by Easter, the lilies will be available to pick up at the church during set hours. See form below.

**Message from Nancy Miller:**

Dad and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support during a very difficult time.

Dad is currently at Paramount Nursing (Laurel Run) home. He is being quarantined for 14 days, which means he cannot leave his room even for physical therapy. We all know how social my dad is so this is adding to our stress. Of course even after the 14 days he will not be allowed visitors unless the nursing home does not have any new COVID cases for 2 weeks. We are getting him a grandpad so he can make and receive calls but it will take a few days to get it and set it up. In the meantime here is dad's address:

Bill Newman  
c/o Paramount  
6375 Chambersburg Road  
Fayetteville, PA 17222

Thank you, I will send his phone number when we have all ready. Please continue prayers for a speedy recovery and strength to both dad and me!!!

In God's Love, Nancy & Bill

**Kids Club** No meetings until further notice due to COVID

**Sunday School-** Sunday School for school age children is meeting via zoom. Contact Carol Garman 717-476-0923 or Stacey Garman 717-398-7877 for more information.

**Adult Sunday School-** A Zoom Sunday School class on **Praying with Scripture** will meet every other Sunday during Lent beginning on February 28 at 10:30. If you would like to receive a Zoom invitation, please let us know and you will receive an invitation. In person classes will be offered at the church on the alternate Sundays when not meeting by Zoom.

**Music-** For those who would like to hear more music, go to St. John's web site, click on "connections", then click on "hymns & music" A new recording is added almost every week.

**Regarding Offerings:** We ask that you send in your offering by mail, put it in our drop-box at the office, or contribute online at our website (www.stjohnfairfield.net). Thank you for your ongoing support!

**Birthdays:** 27<sup>th</sup> Paige Szarowski

**Those for Whom We Pray-** Martha Engstler, Sharon Neil, Gordy Ley, Bennett Conn, Family of Mary Garman, Jay Heffernan, Melissa Hopkins, Margaret Monath, Marie Poulson, Cathy Conn, Arlo Douglass Mackavage, Karen Koontz, Bobbi Jo, Brad, Trevor, Pete, Ryan, Charlie, John Westley , Ron Hedges, Dave Gladhill, Essie Gilmore, Judy Kemper, Vicky Fraley, Eric Kuhn, Pastor Sharron Blezard, Jess Lee, Hope Foreman, Shirley Phillips, Bill Brush, Audrey Moritz, Jim Thomas, Brenda Walter, Mary Lou Hammett, Rita Yeingst, Ken Fluke, Charles (Sam) Scott, Nina Herring, Savannah Bollinger, Garnetta Shope, Faye Baker, Benny & Ruth Akers, Bill Newman.

*Lily Sponsorship Form Below*



# Easter Lilies

Fill out the order form.

Email, mail, or drop off at the church office.

**Please include your payment with your order form.**

**The order deadline is Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

To adopt a lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the order form below and email, mail, or drop off to the church office. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Please include your payment with your order form. **The order deadline is Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup>.**

To the Glory of God and...

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**Total Number sponsored** \_\_\_\_\_

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Email, mail, or drop at St John Office 13 East Main Street Fairfield PA 17320 <b>Deadline February 28<sup>th</sup></b>
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