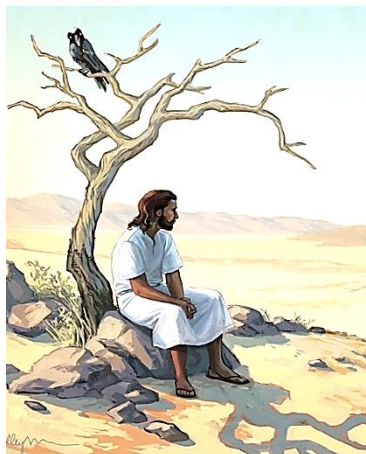


## Sunday, February 18, 2024

*First Sunday in Lent, Yr B*



*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE *Bell Choir*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SYMBOLS Week 1 - ROBE

JOHN 19:2 *The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.*

Music: *Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery* No. 334

v.1 **Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn; though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

Lent 1 **From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own; stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone, make us turn to you alone.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your Holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than take care of your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, releases us, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Christ When for Us You Were Baptized* No. 304

1 **Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.**

2 **God called you "My beloved Son," you are God's servant true, sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.**

3 **Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call, to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all, to give your life for all.**

4 **Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed, that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

L: Holy God, heavenly Father,

**C: 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.**

FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

*The rainbow, sign of God's covenant*

<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.” WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 25:1-10

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**C: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**C: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

L: 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.

**C: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

L: 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.

**C: You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

L: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**C: 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

*Saved through water*

<sup>18</sup>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, <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, during 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. WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Stg 4, S151b

*Return to the Lord your God*



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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 1:9-15

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

*The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness*

<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.

### CHILDREN’S WORD

MESSAGE Intern Brittany Mailleue

HYMN No. 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 **Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.**

2 **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.**

3 **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.**

### 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 P: Hear us, O God  
C: **Your mercy is great.**

### SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING—Bell Choir--GLOBE OFFERING  
*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me No. 325

1 **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.**

2 **In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

3 **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.**

### COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
C: **As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.  
C: **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG:

Thy Holy Wings No. 613

1 **Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev’ry moment be lived within thy grace.**

2 Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

3 Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

*Ringing of Bell*

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve in Love.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Bell Choir*

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**CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SUN 2/18	9 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP – <i>1st Sun in LENT</i> Coffee (NO SUN SCHOOL)
TUE 2/20	7 PM	KAIC
WED 2/21	5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Soup Supper LENTEN WORSHIP - Downstairs
THU 2/22	1 PM 7 PM	LOVE DAY AA
SUN 2/25	9 AM 10 AM	WORSHIP- <i>2nd Sun in LENT</i> <i>Intergenerational Activity:</i> <b>See announcements</b>

// **TACKLE HUNGER!** Stewardship Committee is asking you to contribute \$1, \$5, \$10 to the “Souper Bowl of Caring”. Think of what is spent on food for Super Bowl Sunday...then give generously out of your abundance. Soup pots at church will collect your cash or checks (*make out to: First Lutheran, put HUNGER in the memo*). You may also mail your check to the church. Proceeds go to ELCA. //

// **SUN FEB 25 @ 10 am** – Intergenerational Activity in the Fellowship Hall. Pack birthday bags for the local food shelf. **ITEMS NEEDED:** Cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, birthday plates, napkins, large birthday gift bags, etc. Goal 20 bags. //