

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Feb 21

- 8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

Mon. Feb 22

- 4:00 PM Just-4-Kix
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon (Library)
- 7:00 PM Monday Night Fellowship

Tues., Feb 23

- 4:00 PM Just-4-Kix
- 6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics
- 7:00 PM Church Council

Wed., Feb 24

- 12:00 PM 12@12
- 5:30 PM Confirmation
- 7:30 PM CIA/Sr. High Youth

Thurs., Feb 25

- 10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1
- 3:30 PM Just-4-Kix

Fri., Feb 26

- 6:30 AM FCA Mom's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.
- 7:00 PM Worship on Studio 1

Sat., Feb 27

- 9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

Sun., Feb 28

- 8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

Church Staff

Lyle Snyder	Pastor	Seth Boerboom	Pianist
Seth Boerboom	Parish Associate	Judy Hoeft	Pianist
Lauren Winn	Financial Assistant	Melinda Grohs	Preschool Director
Judy DeCramer	Organist	Lisa Rosenboom	Assistant Teacher
Mary Hauschild	Organist	Melissa Doose	Assistant Teacher
Gunvar Dombek	Organist		



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Proclaiming and Serving Jesus Christ

1st Sunday in Lent
February 21st, 2021

† Worship with Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers

We remember in prayer these and all others we name in our hearts:

- David Kraft (former St. Stephen member, brother of Bryan Kraft, recovering from hip surgery)
- Duane Sanow (Brother of Brenda Vannostrand, brain cancer)
- Bernadette Stassen (mother of Dan Stassen, in hospice)
- Karen Kupfer (cancer, mother of Ronda Bursell)
- Marie Seeman (breast cancer)
- Marlin Linstrom (brother of Phyllis Wallin, stroke & dementia)
- Mary Leonard (aunt of Ashley Grams, colon cancer and urothelial carcinoma)
- Pat Grannes (mother of Kari Matson, cancer and not receiving treatments)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Russ Boelter (father of Stacy West, stomach cancer)
- Rollie Winter (Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma)
- Scott Boerboom (prostate cancer)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Vonnie Johnson (mother of April Valdez, esophageal cancer)
- Family of Bishop MJH Ubane (Bishop of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa, our companion synod, passed due to COVID)
- Family of Jeff Gaare (cousin of Kathy Nemmers)
- Family of Sharon Asche (mother of Jodie Holland)

Bishop MJH Ubane Passed Away

Bishop MJH Ubane, the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa has passed away due to COVID. The Southeastern Diocese of ELCSA is our companion synod. Let us keep the family of Bishop Ubane in our prayers.

Prairie Conference Assembly

The Prairie Conference Assembly has been scheduled for Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you are interested in attending, talk to Pastor Lyle.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

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

Second Lesson

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 Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

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.”

<u>Worship Participants</u>	
Presiding Minister	Pr. Lyle Snyder
Assisting Minister	Eastyn Ochocki (8:30) Mason O'Donnel (9:30)
Organist	Mary Hauschild (8:30)
Acolyte	Gavin Zahnow (8:30), Jacob Allen (9:30)
Pianist	Seth Boerboom (9:30)
Projector	Ethan Schaffran (8:30) Kyra Skogrand (9:30)
Video	Craig Holland (9:30)
Lector	Jennifer Marty (9:30)