

Season of Lent 2021

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021; Sunday February 21, 2021 to Sunday, March 21, 2021

Holy Week 2021

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021; Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021; Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Easter Sunday 2021

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Lectionary and Worship Notes

Wednesday, February 17 **Ash Wednesday**

Online Worship

Theme: Sin, Mortality, Redemption

Lessons

Joel 1:13-2:2, 2:12-14 *a call for repentance is answered with a prayer of hope in God*

Psalm 51

Romans 3:19-26 *God's law brings knowledge of sin; God's gospel brings new life*

John 12:20-26 *to serve Jesus, we die to ourselves and live to God*

Prayer of the Day: Creator and redeemer, we come before you ever mindful of our own mortality. We are dust. To dust, we shall return. But in Christ, you have a new and everlasting life for us. Draw us into this life, that we may fully experience your reign. In your holy name we pray. Amen

Living the Creed: Download the 40 days of giving calendar PDF, set a goal to donate through the entire season of Lent an equal amount to Jamieson Center Food Pantry and to ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Musician: Janice Algren

Sunday, February 21 **1st Sunday of Lent**

Online Worship

Theme: Sin, Temptation, Redemption

Lessons

Genesis 9:8-17 *God establishes a covenant with Noah and all the earth*

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22 *Christ's death and resurrection restore our right relationship with God*

Mark 1:9-15 *Jesus is baptized, and enters the wilderness to experience temptations*

Prayer of the Day: Redeeming God, in our weakness we turn away, falling to the temptations around us. Jesus, in his time of trial, withstood the test and emerged ready to journey to the cross for us all. Draw us to the cross of Jesus,

that our weakness may be healed by Jesus' death and resurrection. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Living the Creed: Use the PDF from the ELCA World Hunger Resources Page about Kanchan's Story, go to the ELCA World Hunger website to watch the video and use the PDF as your study guide.

Worship Assistant: Doug Cruce
Usher: Rose Sandstrom
Musician: Jamie Reynolds

Sunday, February 28 2nd Sunday of Lent

Online Worship
Theme: Sin, Human Ways, Redemption

Lessons

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 *God establishes a covenant with Abraham and Sarah*
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25 *Our relationship with God is based on faith, not the law*
Mark 8:31-38 *Jesus's prediction of his death raises alarms with his disciples*

Prayer of the Day Redeeming God, we think we have it all figured out, that we know all there is to know about this journey of life, and how it should all go, but then you surprise us each day. What we think is an end, you turn into new life. What we see as failure, you turn into victory. Draw us into the cross of Christ's victory, that we may be released from our flawed thinking and come to rely on your ways for us. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Living the Creed Use the PDF from the ELCA World Hunger Resources Page about Robyn's Story, go to the ELCA World Hunger website to watch the video and use the PDF as your study guide.

Worship Assistant: Ellen and Mark Shrader
Usher: Steve Erlandson
Musician: Jamie Reynolds

Sunday, March 7 3rd Sunday of Lent

Potential return to in-person worship
Theme: Sin, Other Gods, Redemption

Lessons

Exodus 20:1-17 *God establishes a covenant with the people of Israel*
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 *The message of the cross is foolishness to the unbeliever*
John 2:13-22 *Jesus riots in the marketplace of the Temple*

Prayer of the Day Redeeming God, you see the way our eyes ogle at all that distracts us from you, the false idols we have turned into golden calves, the pedestals on which we have set our heroes. In your love for us, you wash away the power those false gods have on us. Renew us in the covenantal promises of having only you as our God, where our true life may be found. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Living the Creed Use the PDF from the ELCA World Hunger Resources Page about Virginia Quispe’s story, go to the ELCA World Hunger website to watch the video and use the PDF as your study guide.

Worship Assistant: Pam Best
Usher: Diane Carlson
Musician: Janice Algren

Sunday, March 14 4th Sunday of Lent
Possibly in-person worship
Theme: Sin, Condemnation, Redemption

Lessons

Numbers 21:4-9 *Sin has consequence, God has redemption*
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10 *God’s grace opens the way for our living according to Christ Jesus*
John 3:14-21 *Believing in the sign of the Son of Man leads to living in the light*

Prayer of the Day Redeeming God, it would be fitting for you to let us fall to our sin, and the curse of our human nature be our ultimate end. Yet, in your divine love, you find ways to restore us to new life even as we continue to condemn our own selves. Draw us into the body of Christ, that we may see him in us, and within the healing only Christ can ultimately bring. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Living the Creed Use the PDF from the ELCA World Hunger Resources Page about the Kafley Family Story, go to the ELCA World Hunger website to watch the video and use the PDF as your study guide.

Worship Assistant: Chip Algren
Usher: Linda McGuire
Musician: Janice Algren

Sunday, March 21 5th Sunday of Lent
Possibly in person worship

Theme: Son, Glory, Redemption

Lessons

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *God promise a new, unbreakable covenant*
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10 *Jesus has been glorified as a high priest, in the order of Melchizedek*
John 12:27-36 *The Father is glorified as the Son of Man is lifted up*

Prayer of the Day Redeeming God, at the right moment of time, you glorified yourself through Jesus' death and resurrection. This glory is found wherever you reign, and you reign in all of creation. Show us this glory once more, that we may reflect its radiance that all may come to see your reign in our world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Living the Creed Use the PDF from the ELCA World Hunger Resources Page about DIKO Marie's Story, go to the ELCA World Hunger website to watch the video and use the PDF as your study guide.

Worship Assistant: Jim Johnson
Usher: Ted Hanson
Musician: Jamie Reynolds

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday
Possibly in person worship
Theme: Celebrating everything right in the midst of everything wrong

Lessons

Procession Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Isaiah 40:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47 (or 15:1-39 [40-47])

Prayer of the Day Triumphant Jesus, you entered a city torn by allegiances to Rome and to the LORD God, a city not knowing how to receive you, a city not yet ready for the reign you would bring to it. Even today, we still do not know how to receive you. We are torn by our multiple cultural lines of division and uncertain about how you reign over us. And yet, your reign still goes on, unhampered by our uncertainty. Draw us into your reign, let our shouts of Hosanna be heard as our cry for mercy, and our need for your strengthening our faith. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

2 Mark 14:53-65	<i>Jesus before the Sanhedrin</i>
3 Mark 14:66-72	<i>Peter denies Jesus</i>
4 Mark 15:1-15	<i>Jesus before Pilate</i>
5 Mark 15:16-20	<i>Soldiers mock Jesus</i>
6 Mark 15:21-41	<i>The crucifixion of Jesus</i>
7 Mark 15:33-47	<i>The death and burial of Jesus</i>

Prayer of the Day Triumphant Jesus, with the commotion of your execution, the voice of the Father was silent. In the darkness of your death, even your own light refused to shine. But this is the judgement of the world. All that is unjust will die. All that is against God will die. It will die silently, with no words to remember it. But then you will surprise us on Easter, when all that is just rises to new life, when all that is with God rises to new life, when the love of God will sing out and never be silenced again. Draw us to your cross, that we may be silenced once more, overwhelm by all that must die in order for the fullness of God's love to sing forever. In your holy name, we pray. Amen

Worship Assistant: Trace Gallagher
Musician: Jamie Reynolds

Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday
Possibly In-Person Worship
Theme: Uncertainty that all is right when all is still very wrong

Lessons
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Prayer of the Day Triumphant Jesus, the women came to your tomb, expecting what we would all expect, to finalize your burial. Yet you were not there. What do we do now that you are not there? The women were not sure either. How do we
Living the Creed Use the greeting "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" with everyone you meet today. How many reply "He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!"
Create a resurrection garden landscape using the PDF as a guide.

Worship Assistant: Doug Cruce
Usher: Rose Sandstrom
Musician: Janice Algren