

## A Congregation of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

We are a <u>Reconciling in Christ</u> congregation, affirming the diversity of God's children



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# First Sunday in **LENT**



Briton Riviere
The Temptation in the Wilderness
oil on canvas, 1898

February 21, 2021

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all... an adventure for life!

#### **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

#### **Prelude**

When Morning Gilds the Skies, arr. John Carter

#### Welcome

**Hymn** 

#### I'm Going on a Journey



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#### **Kyrie**



#### **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

Reading

**Genesis 9:8-17** (The Message)

A reading from Genesis

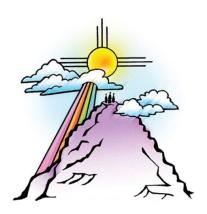
Then God spoke to Noah and his sons: "I'm setting up my covenant with you including your children who will come after you, along with everything alive around you—birds, farm animals, wild animals—that came out of the ship with you. I'm setting up my covenant with you that never again will everything living be destroyed by floodwaters; no, never again will a flood destroy the Earth."

God continued, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you. I'm putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. From now on, when I form a cloud over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the cloud, I'll remember my covenant between me and you and everything living, that never again will floodwaters destroy all life. When the rainbow appears in the cloud, I'll see it and remember the eternal covenant between God and everything living, every last living creature on Earth."

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I've set up between me and everything living on the Earth."

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



#### Psalm 25:1-7



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To | you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.

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

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

Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths.

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.

Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way.

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.



#### Gospel

Mark 1.9-15 (The Message)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

At once, this same Spirit pushed Jesus out into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by Satan. Wild animals were his companions, and angels took care of him.

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Message

#### UNDER THE WATER, INTO THE WILDERNESS



#### **Ministry of Music**

The Bible Tells Me So

Tells Me So arr. Lloyd Larson John Kennedy, Emily Kent, Karen Kent, Kathy Rapp

Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so! Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

REFRAIN Yes, Jesus loves, me. Yes, Jesus loves, He loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, He will stay, He'll stay close beside me all the way. He's prepared a place for me. And some day His face I will see. *REFRAIN* 

#### **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words: 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.

#### **Community Prayers**

Let us pray.... Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Barbara and David Hairston, Kay Ernsthausen, Marshall Edgington and his wife, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, John Kennedy and Kevin Bailey, Michelle Clemence's sister Nancy Roebuck and her niece and family: Kaarina, Michael, Natalie, Liam and Tiffany Scales, Pamela Andrews, Andrea and Scott Steiner, Heidi Sherer's cousin Ann and family on Ann's death.

#### Children's Time



#### WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **Sharing the peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

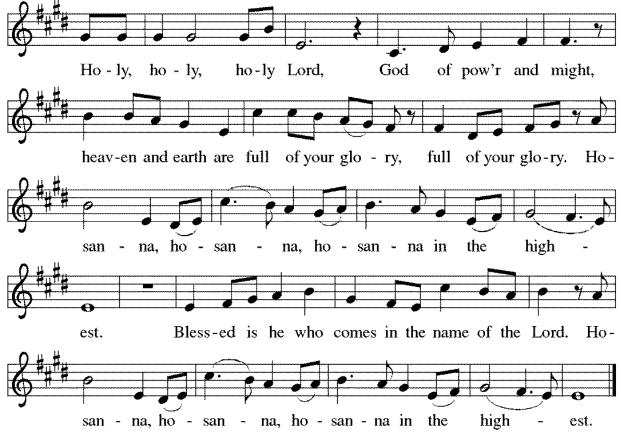
And also with you. We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home. You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death. All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love.

We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:



Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. He relied on you for everything. He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world. He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble. He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave. You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

#### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Bless us also who eat and drink, that in this sharing we may know the living Christ who is with us now, and to the end of the age. Nourish us by these gifts to be willing servants of your world until the new age comes, and every creature beholds it.

#### **Sharing the Meal**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

#### **WE ARE SENT**



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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Blessing Amen.

#### **Announcements**

#### **Postlude**

#### Every Time I Feel the Spirit, arr. John Carter

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#### Adult Sunday School 11:15 am Sundays



#### **DEAR CHURCH:**

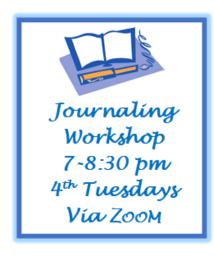
A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.

This week discussing through chapter 7
Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting
Time: Feb 21, 2021 11:15 AM

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Meeting ID: **818 8878 2023;** Passcode: **630107** 

Phone only: 646 876 9923





### The Book of Genesis We'd love to have you join us via ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting
Time: Feb 9, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time
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## Sister Act BE BOLD!

Tuesday, February 22
6:30 pm
ZOOM

Bold Café—

Journey Through Lent

Please join us for fellowship and discussion

#### **OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Judith Bird
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Reader	Judith Bird
Cantor	Emily Kent
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Producer	Michele Disbro, Scott Steiner

Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

#### **THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER FEBRUARY 21 - 28**

Today	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	6:30 pm	ZOOM Sister Act—Bold Café
Tuesday	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study ZOOM Journaling Workshop
Wednesday	1:30 pm 7:00 pm	Zoom Stewardship Team LIVESTREAM Lenten Worship
Next Sunday	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education



