

# Sunday, February 21, 2021

## First Sunday in Lent, Year B

*St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Wilmington DE*  
*Leader Pages*



## GATHERING

**Prelude** - *Cantor*

**Confession and Forgiveness** - *Presiding Minister*

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.  
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,  
**pour out your mercy over us.**  
**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined**  
**and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.  
Make us alive in the Spirit  
to follow in the way of Jesus,  
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.  
Amen**

Beloved, God's word never fails.  
The promise rests on grace:  
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,  
the wisdom and power of God,  
your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.  
Journey in the way of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## Gathering Song - *ELW 343 vs. 1 & 2*

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
 4 We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made a -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to

be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my  
 know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who  
 king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and  
 slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suf - f'ring goes that

Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 at my need his life did spend!  
 for his death we thirst and cry.  
 he his foes from thence might free.

**Greeting** - *Presiding Minister*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Kyrie** - *Kyrie Setting 5***Canticle of Praise** - *Glory to God Setting 5***Prayer of the Day** - *Assistant Minister*

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, 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.**

**WORD****First Reading (Genesis 9:8-17)** - *Lector*

A reading from Genesis.

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.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** - 25:1-10

1To | you, O Lord,

I lift | up my soul.

2My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

3Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

4Show me your | ways, O Lord,  
and teach | me your paths.

5Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted  
all | the day long.

6Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.

7Remember 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.

8You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

9You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

10All 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) - *Lector***

A reading from 1 Peter.

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.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation - *Lenten Acclamation Setting 5***

**Gospel (Mark 1:9-15) - Preacher**

The Holy Gospel According to Mark.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

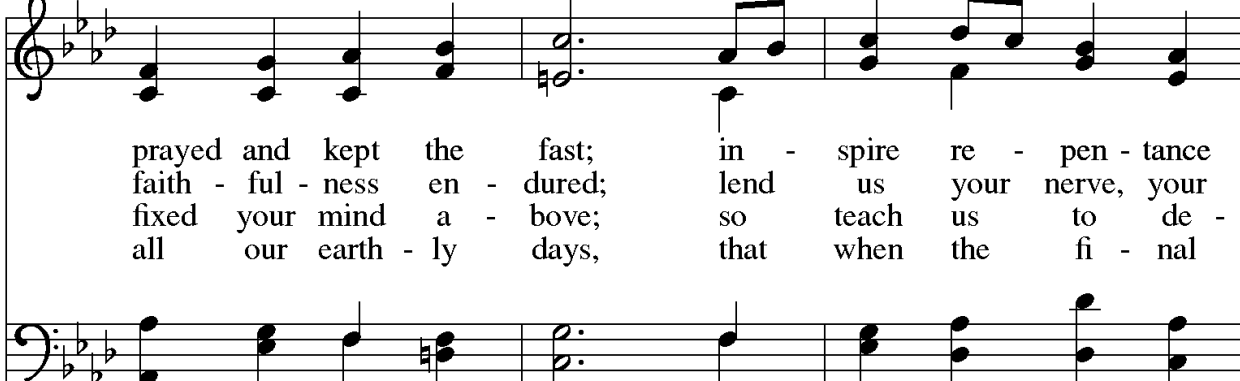
**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon** - Pastor Jason

## Hymn of the Day - *ELW 319*



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.



**Creed** - Lector

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession** - *Lector*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

**Offering Song** - *ELW 336 - Cantor*

**Offering Prayer** - *Assistant Minister*

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love,  
you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together  
with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore in us  
the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may  
become the way of Christ, through whom we pray.

**Amen.**

**Dialogue & Thanksgiving** - *Presiding Minister*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious God, who has named and claimed us,  
calling us your beloved children,  
you know the secrets of our hearts.

When we sin and stray from your paths,  
you astound us with your saving grace.

For this Word of life,

**we give you thanks.**

Loving Jesus, living Word,  
in you the kingdom of God has come near;  
through you all that was lost has been found.

Help us to boldly follow wherever you may lead,  
trusting your promise that we need not fear,  
for you are with us.

For this Word of life,

**we give you thanks.**

Holy Spirit, the mystery in which we dwell,  
into our scarcity, your abundance flows.

Enliven all communities with your good news.

Guide us to love and serve Jesus,  
giving ourselves away for the sake of the world.

For this Word of life,

**we give you thanks.**

All glory to you, holy God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we pray as Jesus taught:

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.**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing** - *Presiding Minister*

You are what God made you to be:  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you † that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal** - *Assistant Minister*

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** - *Cantor*