

**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR**

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First Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, February 21, 2021  
Worship 9:00 am



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION \*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess**  
**that we are captive to sin**

**and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart;  
we have not loved  
our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake  
God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister  
of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE \*

OPENING HYMN\* *"All Depends on Our Possessing"*  
All depends on our possessing God's free grace and  
constant blessing, though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken by their God are  
not forsaken and will keep a dauntless heart.

ELW #589

God, who hitherto has fed me and to many  
joys has led me, is and ever shall be mine.  
God, who did so gently school me and who daily  
guides and rules me, will remain my help divine.

When with sorrow I am stricken, hope my heart  
anew will quicken, all my longing shall be stilled.  
To your loving kindness tender all my being  
I surrender; Lord, on you alone I build.

Well you know what best to grant me; all the longing

hopes that haunt me, joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt your wisdom never; as you will, so  
be it ever; I commit to you my way.

If on earth my days should lengthen, God, my weary  
soul still strengthen; all my trust in you I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding; like a stream  
away it's gliding; safe I anchor in your grace.

APOSTOLIC GREETING \*

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY \*

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.**

## The Word

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

<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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>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.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>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.

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:18-22

<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.

The Word of the Lord.    ***Response: Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \*

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL \* Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.    ***Response: Glory to you, O Lord.***

<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 our Lord.    ***Response: Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY \* *“How Firm a Foundation”*

ELW #796

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still on my bosom be borne.”

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 OF INTERCESSION \* *Response: Your mercy is great.*

LORD'S PRAYER \*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

BLESSING \* *Response: Amen, Amen, Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN \* *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

ELW #810

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

DISMISSAL \*

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

POSTLUDE

***We again welcome back Mitchell Sensenig to our organ console  
this morning and thank him for providing our music.***

**We also thank** Dawne Veet for being our reader and Alice Lubrecht for being our vocalist this morning.

### **Lenten Weekly Service**

During Lent we will be holding mid-week joint Lenten services with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We will meet each Wednesday evening at Good Shepherd located at 3700 Rutherford St., Harrisburg. The evening prayer service, starting at 7 pm will be held in their Nave. Our first service will be February 24<sup>th</sup> and we will meet again on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to join us. These services will also be streamed live on their Facebook page.

**Manna Food Pantry** – Our “2nd Sunday” food collection is still ongoing. During the winter, and during this time of the pandemic food pantries are seeing a greater demand of their services. If you would like to make a donation you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. If you are not comfortable with coming into the church building we would be happy to offer "curbside drop-off" during regular office hours. Pastor Joel & Barb are keeping their regular hours during this current shut-down. Just let us know & will be happy to come out & get your donation from you. Thank you.

*Help us keep an updated prayer list. If you have placed an individual on our prayer list, please remember to notify the office when that individual can be removed. Thank you.*

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Robyn, Evelyn, and their family (friends of the Zimmermans), Robin Ellerman (Wendy Snyder's sister), Adam, (Phoebe Drake's cousin ), Bob McIntyre, Tom & Wendy Snyder, Linda Freed, Pastor Joel and his family, Ed Digon (Malane's husband), Musser family (Carol Ranck's in-laws), Ann Wolf, Diane Trullinger (friend of Marcia Schreffler), Cheryl Digon (Ed & Malane Digon's daughter-in-law), Lorraine Brubaker (friend of Nancy Pinko), Kathy (friend of Andrea Faber), Carol Ranck, Alexa Phillips (Ed & Malane Digon's granddaughter), John Digon (Ed Digon's brother), Doris Balas, Linda Freed, Kelly Utter, Andrew H. (Carol Ranck's cousin), Gertrude Gassner (friend of Merle Beachell), Julianna Stoner (friend of Eva Kunz), Linda Schreier, Chuck Walker (friend of Nadine & Otis Martin), Pastor Chuck & Shelley Lisse, Katie Nanov- Schwehr (Irene Nanov's daughter), Bruce MacMurtrie (brother of Hope Bowling), Kathy Dare, Bob Sheetz (Bill's brother), Lisa McManuels, Patsy Baumann, Linda Brittelli (Tara Beachtel's step-mom), Lee Wheeler (friend of Kathy Dare), Makwan Sayed (friend of the Flemings), Christy Silvers (friend of Nedda Pollock), Helen Kester (friend of Malane Digon), Veronika Lenker (friend of the Flemings), Candy Evans, Millie Horvath, Romaine Leedy (Marion Tosheff's sister), Veronica Malesic (Mindy Grace's mother-in-law), Jesse (neighbor of Kathy Dare), Michael Zorek (Mindy Grace & Melanie Trea's brother), Corine Harold (friend of Kathy Dare), Joe Newman (friend of Kathy Dare), Pastor Sharron Blezard (assistant to the Bishop), Betty Giovaninello (friend of Linda Schreier), Don Bolonif (friend of Kathy Dare), Sondra Andrews (Bob & Jean Lisse's daughter), Marsha Randel (Bob McIntyre's cousin), Connie Johnson, Barbara Hammell (Betty's daughter), Bob & Jean Lisse, Kenly Underkufler (relative of Tom & Wendy Snyder), Vernel Brown (friend of the Flemings), Bishop Dunlop.

Pray for missionaries, especially Tonya Starner in Mongolia.

Pray for our military, especially Ian Bowling, Jason Nunez, Noel Sanchez & George Schreffler, III .

Pray for our shut-ins, especially Shirley Kaltreider, Irene Nanov, Miriam Reinard, Ellavene Rutter, Alta Shadel, George Sheleman, Tom & Wendy Snyder.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, a caring congregation dedicated to the word of Christ welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children and ourselves.