

1st Sunday in Lent using *Tree of Life* Liturgy

Sunday, February 21st, 2021

P: Pastor

AM: Assistant Minister

R: Reader

C: Congregation/Assembly

ELW: "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (Red Hymnal Book)

(*) Please stand if you are able

GATHERING

Welcome

*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness, p.2 in *Tree of Life* Booklet

*Entrance Hymn: "**Beneath the Tree of Life**" (verses 1,3,5) in *Tree of Life* Booklet

*Greeting: p.4 in *Tree of Life* Booklet

*Kyrie: p.4 in *Tree of Life* Booklet

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, **C: in the waters of the flood you saved your people, and in the wilderness you protected your Son. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, and may the wicked foe 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

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25:1-10

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation: "Return to the Lord", p. 10 in *Tree of Life* Booklet

*Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter

C: Glory to you O Lord

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Time of Reflection and Meditation with Music

*Apostle's Creed:

C: 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 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 the People

*Peace

MEAL

Offering

*Offering Song: "Come, Let us Bring", p. 13 in *Tree of Life Booklet*

*Offering Prayer: p. 13 in *Tree of Life Booklet*

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer: p.17 in *Tree of Life Booklet*

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: "**Lamb of God**", p. 17 in *Tree of Life Booklet*

Announcements

SENDING

*Blessing:

P: 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. May God bless + you and may you be a blessing to others in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn **ELW #599 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"**

*Dismissal: AM: Go in peace. Share the Good News. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God 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, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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.’ ¹² 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: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.’ ¹⁷ 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.’

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For 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, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ 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 people, were saved through water. ²¹ 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, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Mark 1:9-15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’