

INVITING people into a deeper walk of discipleship through
Connecting with God and neighbor, *Growing* in Christ with others, and *Serving* the world.

Welcome

Worship Today:

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.



Gathering

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

When We Are Tested

ACS 922

Tune: Lord of All Hopefulness

- 1 When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.
- 2 When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.
- 3 When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the pow'r to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.
- 4 When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Restore in Us, O God

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1. Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
2. O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r;
From fruitless fear unfurl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
3. Bring us, O Christ to share the fullness of your joy;
Baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.
4. Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,
That we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, **heavenly Creator, 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

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.[a] 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.”

...Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Psalm 25:1-10

- ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!
⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore God instructs sinners in the way.
⁹ God leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble the way.
¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep God's covenant and God's decrees.

...Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark the 1st Chapter. **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 our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Galen Hora

If you are watching live on Facebook please share any prayers that you have now so that they can be shared during the Prayers of the People

SONG OF THE DAY

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613/ WOV 741

1. Thy holy wings O Savior, spread gently over me
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.
2. Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.
3. Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Pastor] Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

Musical Meditation:

Lord Listen To Your Children Praying

ELW 752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

[Pastoral Prayer] . . . Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer especially Myrlette Giddings, Bruce Edstadt, Matt Cagle and Bruce Robinson. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Assistant will pray the prayers from Facebook and any others

We offer up, O God, all other prayers on our hearts and in our minds today, those spoken here and those unspoken or written. May your love and peace fill the world. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of our risen Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Today we are passing a virtual offering plate; you are invited to click the offering plate image to support the mission of Cross of Hope and our partners through our [giving online](#).



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OFFERTORY

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

WOV 759

Please stand as you are able

1. Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.
2. The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.

3. Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in pray'r before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and God of might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea;

Within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We praise you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, By your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come: your will be done on earth as it is 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, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sending

PASTORAL BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen and 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.**

SENDING SONG

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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1. I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

SENT FORTH TO SERVE

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

LIVING OUR MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

A DVD series by Philip Yancey, "Prayer, Does It Make Any Difference?," will be offered on **Zoom on Monday evenings at 7:00**, with time for conversation. The five-part series begins on February 22 and ends on March 22. See the Zoom link below

<https://zoom.us/j/91554964338?pwd=c3o4U25YZW1nSCs2WHUweXExRDRFUT09>

**Wednesday evening services at 7:00 will be Holden Evening Prayer,
beginning on February 24 thru March 24**

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