

Sunday, February 21, 2021 — First Sunday in Lent

University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

PRELUDE

John Fillo

WELCOME

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.

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

C **Amen.**

P **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.

P Fountain of living water,

C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

AS A DEER

As a deer— longs for a stream of cool wat - er,—
so I long for you, oh God. I thirst for you, the liv - ing God.
When can I go and wor - ship in your pres - ence.
Why am I so sad? Why am I so trou - bled?
I will put my hope in God and once a - gain, I will praise him,
my Sav - ior and my God. As a deer— longs for a
stream of cool wat - er,— so I long for you, oh God.
I thirst for you, the liv - ing God.
When can I go and wor - ship in your pres - ence.

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.

1.2. 3.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us. mer-cy on us.

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." and "Christ have mer - cy." The second staff contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us." and "mer-cy on us." There are first, second, and third endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1.2. and 3. above the notes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A 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.

C Amen

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then 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, 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."

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

The Psalm will be spoken in unison.

¹To | you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.

²**My 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.

⁴**Show 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.

⁶**Remember, 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.

⁸**You 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.

¹⁰**All 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

¹⁸For 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, 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord your God, who is
gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger,
and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter.

C 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."

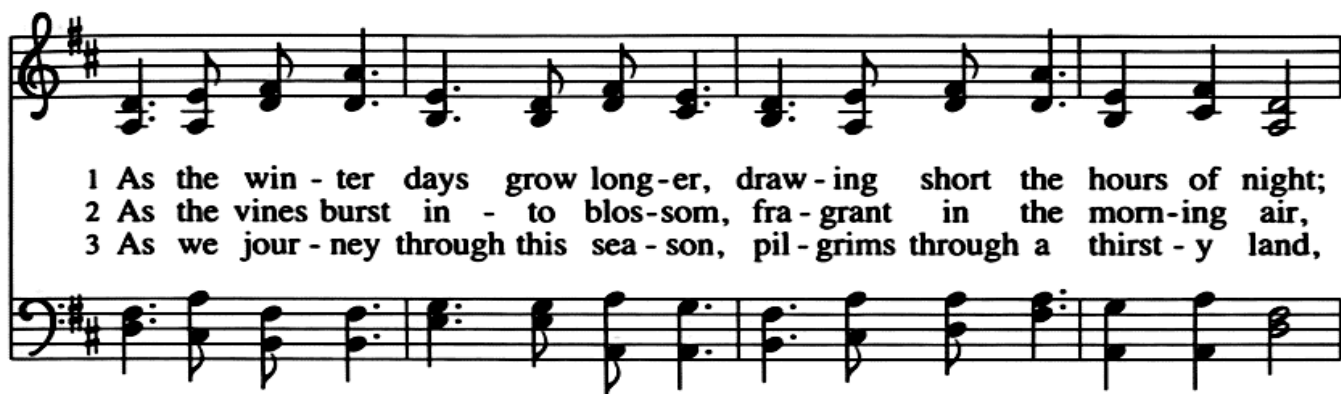
P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

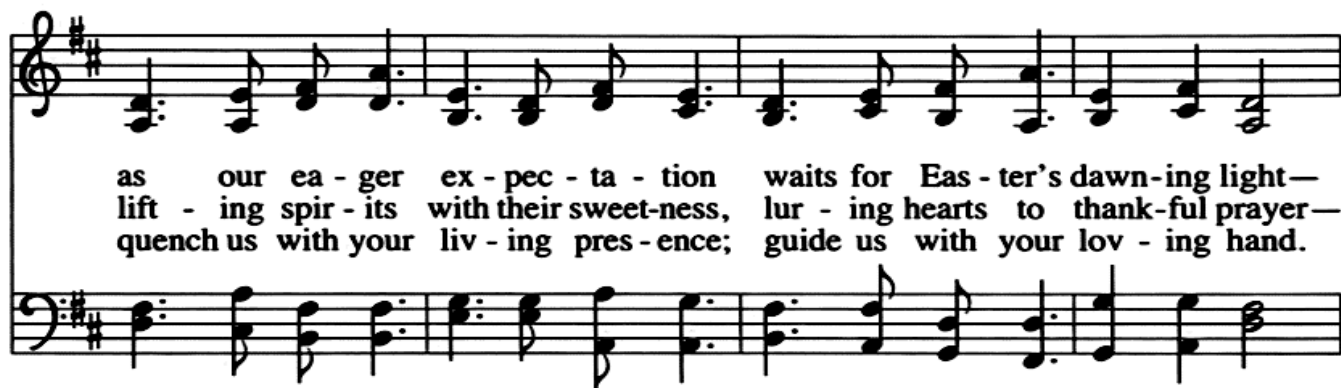
HOMILY

Pastor Gary N. McCluskey

HYMN OF THE DAY AS THE WINTER DAYS GROW LONGER



1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light -
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer -
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.

yearn - ing peo-ple, here we gath-er, turn - ing watch-ful eyes to you:
 Lent - en peo-ple, here we gath-er, seek - ing lives re-freshed from sin.
 Wan-d'ring peo-ple, here we gath-er, called to rest a - long our way.

God who bless-es earth with spring-time, shine with - in our world a - new!
 God who bless-es earth with spring-time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
 God who bless-es earth with spring-time, grant us sab-bath joy this day!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

C 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

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

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers the Assistant will say:

A Hear us, O God.

The congregation will respond with:

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

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

C **Amen.**

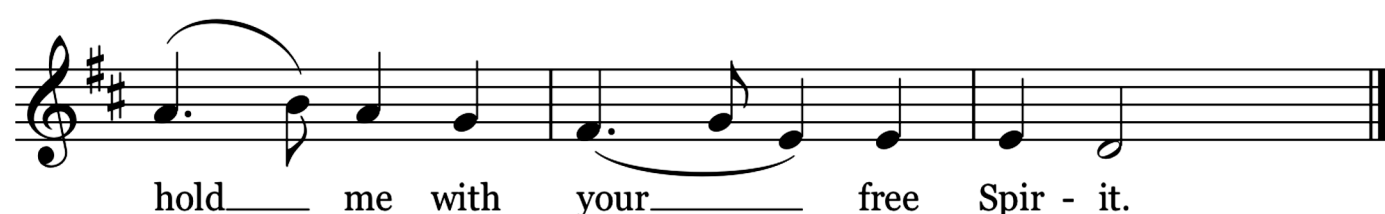
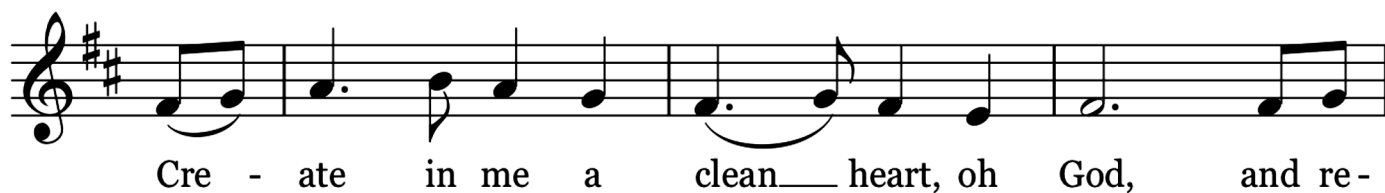
THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART



OFFERING PRAYER

- A Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry through your prayers, your calls, emails, and texts. Thank you to all who continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts. We know some in our community have lost their jobs and others have had theirs significantly scaled back. We continue to have the same needs of financial support along with a few additional costs as we operate much differently during this time.

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Thank you!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

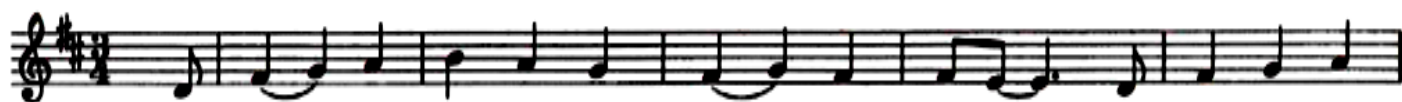
BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

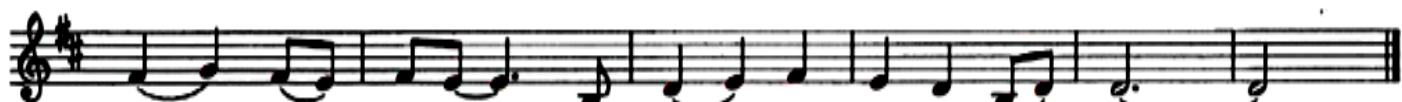
WE WALK WITH JESUS



We walk with Je - sus through end - less des-ert. We wan - der for
We walk with Je - sus through plac - es for - gott-en By pow - er that
We walk with Je - sus as things start to crum-ble, As hope fades a -
We walk with Je - sus from liv - ing to dy-ing, As seed that is



days till we're wear - y and sore. In weak - ness and emp - ti - ness
preys on the hun - gry and poor. We stand in wit - ness and
way and friends walk out the door. With minds that are rest - less and
bur - ied in love out - poured To take root and grow, bring - ing



we face our tri - al. We walk with Je - sus our Lord.
share in struggle. We walk with Je - sus our Lord.
hearts that are heav-y, We walk with Je - sus our Lord.
life to all peo-ple. We walk with Je - sus our Lord.

SENDING

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sarah Sejen

Participants in Worship

Pastor

Gary N. McCluskey

Worship Assistant

Dylan Weeks

Lector

Arno Leskinen

Director of Music

Aiko Yamada Mancini

Video and Audio Production

Terry Pochert

Brian & Aiko Mancini

Musicians

Erin Crawford, voice

John Fillo, bass and guitar

Nic Peters, percussion

Nils Peterson, voice

Sarah Sejen, piano

Aiko Yamada Mancini, voice and piano