

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach

The Call to Worship

Let us come together in this holy place to worship the Lord!

The Lord is merciful and loving. His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Let our hearts remember our baptism and give thanks.

For without the righteousness of Christ, we have no place before God.

Let us raise our voices in joyful praise to the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*The Hymn of Praise *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 276

*The Call to Confession

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we are your covenant people. We confess, Lord, that sometimes we lose sight of your kingdom and its ways. We fail to live as your people. We ignore our sin or keep silent about our sin. We fail to repent and turn back to you. Forgive us. [Silent Confession.] Merciful God, renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Christ died for our sins once and for all. Christ, the righteous, suffered for us, the unrighteous, to bring us to God. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem *Feed Me, Lord* Liebergen
Chancel Choir and Ruth Estell, violin

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 9:8-17 page 9 OT

The Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15 page 47 NT

The New Testament Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22 page 318 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed(traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *Ah, Holy Jesus, verses 1-3* 93

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is...

...We worship and adore your glorious name, saying together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Most righteous God...
...Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit...
...We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying:
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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Hold the bread until all have been served. We will eat it together,
symbolizing our unity in Christ. Drink the cup when it is served,
symbolizing your individual relationship with Christ.)

Response of Praise and Prayer *Ah, Holy Jesus*, verse 4 93

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Doran

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here
below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

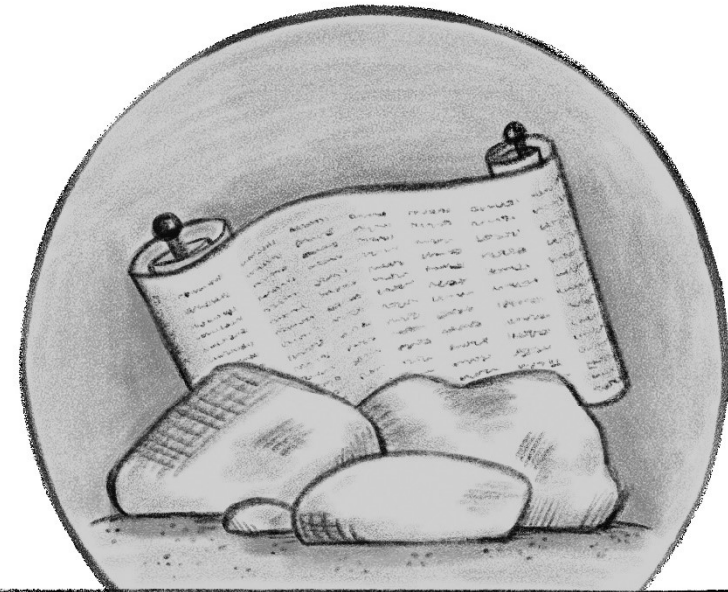
*The Prayer of Dedication

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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.


- *The Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! Verses 2-4* 113
- *The Charge and Benediction
- *The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**
- *Postlude *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* arr. Wood
- * Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Peggy Donaldson
Ushers: Bob Donaldson, Sayre Nichol, Connor Rousseau
Greeter: Ian & Kristi Millar
Fellowship Hour: Ruth Anderson
Musical Talents: Laurel Taipale
Communion Servers: Pete & Ginny Brucker, Karen Kalina and Brian McNalley

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 **Lenten Bible Study** We will begin our Lenten Bible Study on Thursday, February 22, at 6:45 pm. The study will be based on Elizabeth Caldwell's book *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms*. You do not need to buy or read the book ahead of time. All are invited to come and take this time to pause during this Lenten season.

2nd @ Second will meet TODAY after worship in the library.

Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools are closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), **the church office and any church programming for that day will also be cancelled.** This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women's Circle, Community events. The church office will also be closed.



Easter Lilies

We will decorate our sanctuary this year with Easter lilies for the Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order one in honor or memory of someone, there are order forms in the gathering area. Flowers are \$12.00 each and **must be ordered by March 10th.**



You're invited.....

...to a **Special Fellowship Hour Sunday, February 25, 2024**

(immediately following worship) **honoring Laurel Taipale and Deanna Patton** for sharing their musical talents during the search for a new music director! Please sign up and let us know what you can bring. Examples: mini muffins, mini pastries, fruit, mini cinnamon rolls, or anything you would like to bring and share. There will also be a basket out if you would want to write them a personal note of thanks.



Director of Music Ministry Meet and Greet

You are invited to meet and greet our Director of Music Ministry, Thomas Heidenreich, on Saturday, March 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will need donations of snack food (cheese and crackers, meat and cheese, fruit, cookies, etc.) for this event. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area.



The Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God,

Guide us by your Word

and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,

so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Genesis 9:8-17 NIV

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹ "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth. "

¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

Mark 1:9-15 NIV

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted^[a] by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

1 Peter 3:18-22 NIV

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive,^[a] he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.^[b] It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.