

✝ 1st Sunday of Lent ✝
February 18, 2018 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

◆Prelude

◆Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: In you, Lord my God, we put our trust.

We trust in you; do not let us be put to shame,
nor let our enemies triumph over us.

**People: No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those who are treacherous
without cause.**

Pastor: Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths.

**People: Guide us in your truth and teach us,
for you are God our Savior,
and our hope is in you all day long.**

Pastor: Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

**People: Do not remember the sins of our youth and our
rebellious ways; according to your love remember us,
for you, Lord, are good.**

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in
his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches
them his way.

**In Unison: All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #61) *Praise to the Lord Almighty*

◆Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

WORD

Scripture Readings

Genesis 9:8-17

I Peter 3:18-22

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

**◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #435) *Day by Day with
Each Passing Moment***

**Message "The Promises of a Merciful God"
Rev. Mark Westlund**

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #226) *What Wondrous Love*

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

**God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures,
promising life and hope. God of pathways, you show us how we
should walk. We admit that we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem
and beyond with you, God of Glory. In a world where we worry
about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by your
moments of silence, of learning. In that flood of worries, which
can overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that you have
not cut us off from your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we
may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life you offer to us.**

**Forgive us and have mercy on us, Gentle Guardian of our souls.
In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we
share your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait
for you all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Time for personal reflection and confession.

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's
forgiveness. In every wilderness, on every road; in every moment, in
every life; in every journey, in every heart, we receive the daily bread
we need— God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy. Thanks be to God,
we are forgiven. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

**Life Together
Offering**

Offertory (Green Hymnal #69) *Standing on the Promises*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** (BH #451) *It is Well with My Soul*

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

◆ **Indicates those who are able should stand.**

NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Greg Goetz, Dorothy Karner, Carol Latimer, Barbara Mateer, Joyce Olson, Bruce Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists
Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary
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ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 11:15 A.M.
PETERSON HALL

Calendar for the Week:

Today:

10 A.M. Worship
10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group
11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School
Articles for the March Messenger are due

This Week:

Mon. President’s Day – Noah’s Ark Preschool holiday
Tues.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool
Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study
Wed. 6 P.M. Light supper prior to Lenten class
Wed. 6:30-8 P.M. Lenten Journey, Fireside Room
Thur. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers

Next Sunday:

9 A.M. Adult Sunday School
10 A.M. Worship
10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
11:15 A.M. Annual Church Business meeting, Peterson Hall
Note: No Confirmation Class or High School Youth Group

Feb. 25 – Nursery Helpers: Pam Romano, Kari Devine
Greeters: Desiree Hall, Rita Grijalva

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WELCOME TO TRINITY

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School

In February, Dr. Carol Noren is teaching class on the topic of four familiar biblical narratives with a slightly different perspective: not exactly feminist, but taking a closer look at overlooked aspects of stories featuring women. February 18: (Ruth) What’s A Woman Without a Man? Join us at 11:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room

PLEASE NOTE: On the day of the Annual Church Business Meeting, February 25, the class is going to meet at 9 A.M. instead of the usual time. Topic: (Luke 10:38-42) Sister Acts: Cooperation or Competition?

Camp Registration

Reminder - Early bird registration for Summer Camp is due Sunday, February 25 (a \$35 discount!) See Kellie Lee for information.

Lenten Journey

Pastor Mark's new class takes a look deeper into a centering prayer life, a contemplative life, if you will. This class will once again start with a light meal at 6 P.M. on Wednesday evenings followed by class from 6:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. The Lenten Journey will begin on February 21 and run through March 28. I feel that this time of year perfectly pairs Lent with a contemplative and meditative prayer life. As we look at the three-pronged life: 1) **Outward** extension of the Gospel, 2) Going outward, **Together** as a body, and 3) The **Inward** Journey, this 6 week class focuses on the inward reflection. Do not be afraid of this journey! Do not think that you cannot be silent and reflective before the Lord! This will bring you closer to Jesus and you will love it! Hope to see you there. I will also give a brief recap of the Upside-Down Kingdom class at the beginning of the first Lenten Journey class.

Save the Date - Youth Group (ages K-6th grade)

The Youth Group's next get-together is Sunday, March 18, from 3-5 P.M. Look for details in upcoming bulletins.

Today's Scripture:

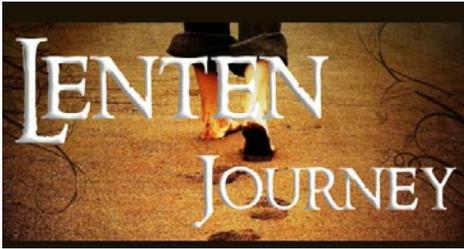
Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and 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. ¹¹I 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." ¹²And 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: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between

me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶Whenever 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."
¹⁷So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸For 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. ¹⁹After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰to 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, ²¹and 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. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.



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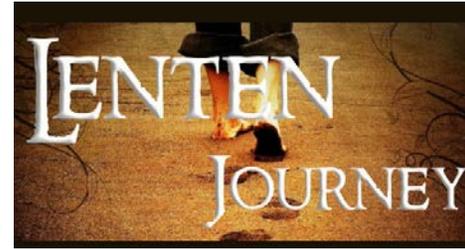
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