

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, PRESCOTT VALLEY
“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”
First Sunday in Lent – Traditional Service
February 21, 2021

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Drumming

Gene Fougner

Prelude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Balm In Gilead” arr: Roger C. Wilson

GATHERING

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Hymn ELW#319

“O Lord, Throughout These 40 Days” (vs. 1 & 4)

*O Lord, throughout these forty days you
prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance
for our sin, and free us from our past.*

Be with us through this season, Lord, and

*all our earthly days, that when the final
Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.*

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God 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.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ 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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Gene Fougner, melodica; Cathy Namock, organ

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

(African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version)

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

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.

Message

Pastor Tricia Lowe

"Angels in the Wilderness"

“Thy Holy Wings” (vs. 1 & 3)

*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.
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 Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: 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. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth’s creatures from destruction especially from avalanches and floods. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: 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 those who need it most. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate and isolated. Give healing and strength to all who suffer especially those affected by the global pandemic. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: 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 outreach and care and nurture. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Please take this time to offer any other prayers either silently or aloud.

P: In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

P: Gathered together as God's people, we share the words that Jesus taught us:

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

Offering

P: We give thanks for the offerings that we have received in the mail, online and in person this past week. These gifts make it possible for us to continue to be the church in the world even when we can't meet in our sanctuary. If you are worshiping with us today and would like to make a donation, please go to our website homepage and click the online giving link.

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; ourselves, our time, our possession and your Son, Jesus. Use us, and what we have gathered, to show the world your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

The Benediction

Dear Ones, hear this blessing. 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.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hymn #325

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (vs. 1 & 2)

*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.*

*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.*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Cathy Namock, organist

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” by W. Stillman Martin

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As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.

Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:

Members

<i>Alis Seim</i>	<i>Geri Cottrell</i>	<i>Len Warne</i>	<i>Ron Kovara</i>
<i>Arlene Meder</i>	<i>Gwen Savage</i>	<i>Linda Walkoff</i>	<i>Ruth Martindale</i>
<i>Bonnie Kain</i>	<i>Helen Morton</i>	<i>Marilyn Murphy</i>	<i>Sheila Smilgis</i>
<i>Bruce Newcomb</i>	<i>Janice Zimbelman</i>	<i>Marty Watkins</i>	<i>Tom Smith</i>
<i>Carol Hotten</i>	<i>Joel Smith</i>	<i>Mary Austin</i>	<i>Wayne Theobald</i>
<i>Chuck Lynch</i>	<i>Karen Roush</i>	<i>Nancy Nimocks</i>	
<i>Chris Spahr</i>	<i>Kat Harley-Mays</i>	<i>Pam MacCleary</i>	
<i>Deanna McDaniel</i>	<i>Kathy Austin</i>	<i>Ramona Walker</i>	

Our Family Members in Military and Deployed

Meg Northrup Jim VanScoy Kenneth Lindsay deployed Kuwait – friend of Carl Schulze

Family Members and Friends

Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats
Bill & Ruth Garrett – friend of Kimberly Goats
Bill Trancik – fiancé of Sheila Smilgis
Bob Whitney – friend of Emmanuel
Buel McCoy – father of Wendy Woolley
Carol & Rita Kuenne – friend of Mark & Mary Austin
Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley
Charles Dean – great nephew of Gail Kenny
Chris Vettore – daughter of Ron Kovara
Connie – friend of Helen Morton
Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze
Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer
Dawn Byars – stepsister of Kimberly Goats
Dan Lowe – brother-in-law of Pastor Tricia
Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman
Doug Becker – friend of Jim McIntyre
Eddie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller
Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin
Grant – grandson of Dan & Carol Cwach
Jack Gregory – friend of Ellen Rosfeld
Joann Harlib – mother of Scott Harlib
Joshua Diebel – stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington
Julie Ward – daughter of Chuck & Kathy Guenther
Kelly Smith – daughter of Bobbe Serena Wayman
Kris Franklin – friend of Wendy Woolley
Leroy Goats – father-in-law of Kimberly Goats
Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara
Marie – Clara Farmer's son's mother-in-law
Mark Erickson – friend of Mark & Mary Austin
Mark Kovara – son of Ron Kovara

Marilyn Boston – cousin of Sue & Tom Smith
Mary Leavy – mother of Kathie Siggs
Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary
Miranda & Brad Rebholz – granddaughter and grandson of Jim & Carole Rebholz
Phil Miller – friend of Emmanuel
Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler
Rich, Carol, daughter of Rachel & Granddaughter of Audrey, friend so Larry & Sonya Mahler
Rosemary – neighbor of Mary Wakimoto
Rudy & Lena Juarez – friends of Julie Chisholm
Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler
Sara Watts – daughter of Don & Mary Watts
Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade
Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul
Stefanie O'Donnell – daughter of Shelby & Carol Tate
Trisha Galindo – daughter of Gary & Jean Kiser
Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis

Someone is in the church office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but the church doors will be locked. Please knock upon arriving or call first. Please note that we are now requesting that everyone wear masks when they enter the church building. Don't be surprised when Mary and Pastor Tricia put theirs on when you come in! With the rise in cases of the virus in our community, we want to make sure we use all safety precautions to protect the most vulnerable among us.

MISSION OUTREACH for the month of February is Child Haven (a division of Arizona's Children Association). Child Haven is a crisis nursery program that provides services to families with young children. The mission of Child Haven is to empower families to affect change and find solutions to critical issues by providing a unique and vital service, focused on the concept of families helping families.

The purposes are implemented by the following:

- providing crisis nursery care in voluntary family homes
- offering a 24-hour information and referral service
- collection and distribution of donations to help meet the needs of the families
- Advocating for children and families in our communities

We are collecting pajamas for children of all ages for Child Haven, see the box in the church narthex.

Aluminum Cans – Emmanuel is still collecting cans. Please bring to the church and deposit in the container held in the dumpster area.

Food Pantry – At this time, the food pantry prefers monetary donations so they can purchase the needed items. Donations can be mailed to the church.

Thrivent Member Action Cards – Each member is allocated two cards per year of \$250.00 each. If you have not used our action cards, please consider applying for a card to support the Interfaith Meal.

Interfaith Meal – Next meal will be February 26, 11:00 am. If you are able to help, please let Mary know.

Lenten Devotional – are now available in the plastic box by the north kitchen door, gaining access near the dumpster. Please help yourself.