

The First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024
9:30am Worship & Communion

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

* **Confession & Forgiveness** p. 94-96

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

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God, C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

* **Gathering Hymn #865**

“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”

* **Greeting** p. 147 *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** p. 147 *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.*

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen.

* **This is the Feast** p. 149

* **The Prayer of the Day** *(all pray)* Father in heaven, as we walk together, on the road to the cross, during the season of Lent, we pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts, with a desire to know Jesus, more deeply than we have ever known him before. Set our hearts on fire, so that our lives may bear witness to the world, about the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And 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: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, 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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

L:25 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C:2 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

L:3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C:4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

L:5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C:6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

L:7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to our steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

C:8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

L:9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

ALL:10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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 having been subjected to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn #144 (TOSB vs. 1, 2)

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

The Sermon "Temptations: Showdown In The Desert"

Pastor William Shields

(sermon text Mark 1:9-15)

* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #517

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word"

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

Prayers

* **Words of Institution**

* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **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.**

Communion

In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who share our faith are welcome. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread from Pastor, an assistant on either side will serve the wine or white grape juice. Return to your seats using the side aisles.

During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns # 488, 490, 491, 496.

* **Blessing**

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn #338**

"Beneath The Cross Of Jesus"

* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

Weekly Events:

Mon. Feb. 19 6:30pm – Gideon’s Dinner
Tues. Feb. 20 – 7:00am – Jr. High Study
9:30pm – Rebekah Circle
3:00pm – Lydia Circle
Wed Feb. 21 – 6:30am – Men’s Bible Study
7:00am – Sr. High Bible Study
11:00am – Pastor’s Bible Study
5:30pm – Soup Supper
1:00pm – Prayer Group
6:00pm – Choir Practice
6:00pm – Confirmation
7:00pm – Lenten Service
Thurs Feb. 22 – 1:00pm – Quilters
9:00am – Mobile Food Pantry
6:00pm – Pastor’s Bible Study
Sat Feb. 24- 7:00am – Gideon’s Prayer meeting
**Sunday, February 25 – 9:30 am Worship
Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship**

**Riverbend Mobile Food Pantry
February 22, 2024
9:00am
Bureau County Fairgrounds
Please bring wagons.**

**Lenten Services & Soup Suppers
Feb 21, 28, & Mar. 6, 13, 20
Soup Suppers 5:30 pm
Lenten Services 7:00 pm
Please sign up to bring soup or
help in the kitchen.**

Continued prayers for: Loren Cook, Karen May, Shawn Lewis (friend of Dave Little), Nancy O’Connor (mother of Chad Errio), Eric Davis (brother-in-law of Rob Buchanan), Bud Wedding (on hospice), Michael Frandsen (Lani Swinford’s brother).
Others: Gary Schaille, Nick & Sandi Smith & daughter Melissa, Scott Balensiefen (brother of Chris), Dave Little, Pam Zibert, Jackie Pilcher.

Altar Flowers
Given by Gary & Cindy Pierson for
their 45th Wedding Anniversary

**Feb. Food Challenge
This week: Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce &
Instant Potatoes.
Next Week, Feb. 25th
Hamburger Helper, Chips, Pretzels,
Popcorn, etc.**

**Ladies Craft Party
2:00pm Sunday, March 3rd
Fellowship Hall or Corner Chair
(depending on # people)
Cost \$30.00
Please sign up by Feb. 25.**

Lenten Denial Offering
Envelopes were included in the newsletter/extras available. You may bring them anytime during the Lenten Season. Princeton Ministerial Assn, Food Pantry & Buddy Bags are this year’s choices.

**Lutheran World Relief
“A Season of Hope”**

We’re spreading God’s love this Lent by making Personal Care Kits for those in need in the poorest parts of the world. The first two weeks of Lent, we will be collecting dark bath towels and bars of soap. Check the display in the back. Also on display is a map showing where the quilts & kits went last year. Thank you for your generosity. Questions: see Karen May.

Thank you to all who donated items or purchased snacks from the Super Bowl Snack Sale. We have \$540 for Club 56. Another successful snack sale! Thanks, Dianne Van Drew