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If this is your first time to worship with us, please sign our Guest Book in the entry hall of the church. If you have questions about our facilities, the order of service, or if you need help with anything at all, see our Greeters or Ushers of the day. You can also ask any member for assistance. We pray this service is a blessing for everyone in attendance and that you'll all worship again soon. All who believe are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Please fill out an attendance card and indicate if you would like to partake and hand to the Usher during Communion. We ask that you social distance and wear a mask. Hand Sanitizer is located in the narthex if needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

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.

Fountain of living water,
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.

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.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Savior, When in Dust to You

LBW 91

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.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

The First Lesson is from the ninth chapter of Genesis .

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.”

Here ends the reading.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:18-22

The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of 1st Peter .

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.

Here ends the reading.

Lenten Acclamation



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

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Stephanie Stark

Hymn of the Day

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LBW 104

Nicene Creed

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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**

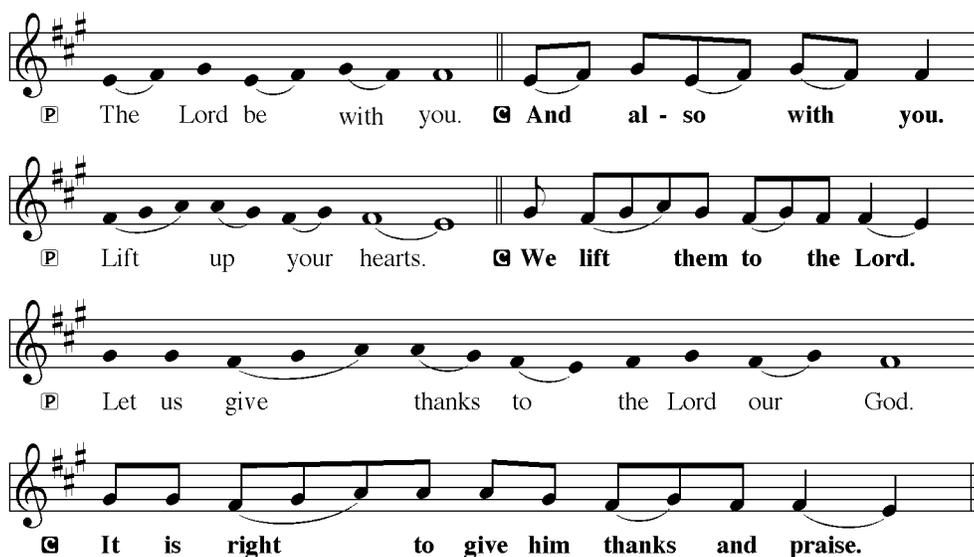
Prayers of Intercession

P: Hear us O God;

C: Your Mercy is Great

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Canticle "*Lamb of God*"

☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution

All who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to partake. Please fill out an attendance card to indicate your intention to participate and hand it to the usher.

The Post Communion Canticle “*Thank the Lord*”



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing

The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone. Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor. May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love. May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love, your love, changes everything. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

LBW 107

Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Weekly News 2-21 thru 2-27, 2021

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2-21
Kristi Kollatschny
Sara Raesner
2-22
Erika Restivo
Karen Hartman
2-23
Clay Miller
Tracy Gray
2-24
Lacy Dittert
2-26
Cole Burger
James Sell
2-27 Reed Dittert

UPCOMING EVENTS

2-21 **Congregational Annual Report
Meeting After Worship Service**
2-26 **Lenten Service 6:30 pm**

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given from the Divin Family to the glory of our God who came to live among us and show us the way of love and true life.

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Colonial Belle, Sealy:
Wilfred Eckardt
Arbors of Briarwood– Bellville

Carrie Froebel

Kruse Village-Brenham

Elaine Thielmann

HOMEBOUND:

Marjorie Criswell

Sharla Bell

Katherine Ludwig

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Bennett Pursley
Tomas Divin
Gloria Tipp
Elaine Thielmann
Remington Reichardt
Sharon Koehne
Melvin and Johnnie Klatt
Wesley and Nic Redman
James Stark
Mildred Lange
Denise Lange
Russell Reichardt
Lyn Novicke
Allen Sell
Greg Osborne
Janet Allphin
Sharon Brandes
MR Livingston
Jerry Brantly and family
Carol Kudalek

EASTER LILY ORDERS

We will place Easter Lilies and Boston Ferns in the Sanctuary again this year. To purchase one or more, complete the form and place it, along with your payment of \$10 per flower/fern in the box provided in the narthex. Deadline to order is **March 21st.**

FEBRUARY MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY

Flowers:
Accompanist
Council Duty
Reader `
Acolyte
Altar Guild

FEB 21

Rachel Divin
Janice Whitehead
Ryan and Ruth
James Tiner
Brooklynn Logan
Glenda Kloss
Betty Hengst
Karen Landrum

FEB 28

Christa Klar
Janet Allphin
Melissa and Ken
Ethan Meiers
Rylan Reichardt
Glenda Kloss
Betty Hengst
Karen Landrum

WEDNESDAY FEB 24

Janet Allphin
Melissa and Sharon