

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Pastor Don Short

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

GATHERING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 for reflection and self-examination.)

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 love.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen

Gathering Hymn~~A Mighty Fortress~~ELW #504

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight,
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threatening to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God him-self fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away
They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE~~~~ELW #147

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

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

Lord, have mercy

**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.**

Lord, have mercy

**For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the
Lord.**

Lord have mercy

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

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.

READINGS

A reading from Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and 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. I 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.' 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: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I

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. When 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.’ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us read Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

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

⁶ **Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O Lord!

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

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

¹⁰ **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

A reading from 1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who 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 people, were saved through water. And 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

OR
During Lent:

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.

The Holy Gospel according to *Mark 1:9-15*

Glory to you O Lord

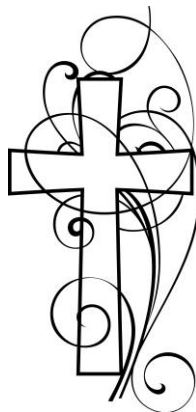
2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



Hymn of the Day~~There Is a Balm in Gilead~~ELW #614

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

**Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit re-vives my soul again.**

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

**If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all."**

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

**Don't ev-er be dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.**

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us O God

Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

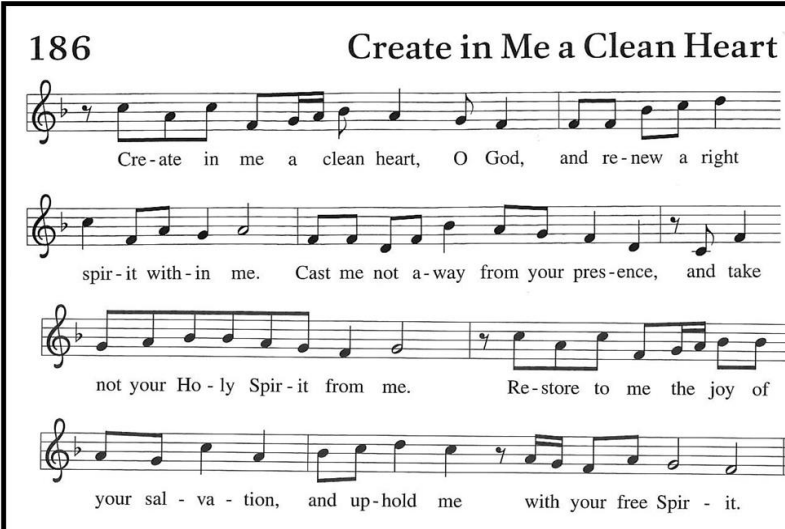
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN

186 Create in Me a Clean Heart



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right". The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics: "spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take". The third staff continues the melody, with lyrics: "not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of". The fourth staff concludes the melody, with lyrics: "your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it." The music ends with a double bar line.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Faithful God,
You walk beside us in desert places,
And meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
That we may pass over from death to life
With Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn of Thanksgiving

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.

WORDS OF INSITUATION

THE 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

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of steadfast love,
At this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
That our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN~~ Christ, The Life of All The Living~~ELW #339 v1 only

Christ, the life of all the liv-ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe
Christ, your-self for me once giv-ing to the dark-est depths of woe;
through your suf-f'ing, death, and mer-it
 life e-ter-nal I in-her-it
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due,
 dear-est Je-sus, un-to you.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN~~ Bless Now, O God, the Journey~~ELW #326

Bless now, O God, the jour-ney
 that all your peo-ple make,
The path through noise and si-lence,
 the way of give and take.
The trail is found in des--ert
 and winds the moun-tain 'round,
Then leads be-side still wa-ters,
 the road where faith is found.

Bless so-journ-ers and pil-grims
 who share this wind-ing way;
Your hope burns through the ter-rors,
 your love sus-tains the day.
We yearn for ho-ly free-dom
 while of-ten we are bound;
To-geth-er we are seek-ing
 the road where faith is found.

**Di-vine e-ter-nal lov-er,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of prom-ise
where milk and hon-ey flow,
But wait-ing not for plac-es,
you meet us all a-round.
Our cov-e-nant is writ-ten
on roads, as faith is found.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS


Confirmation will meet February 24 at 3:30 pm.

Thank you to Linda for helping to train us in the use of the AED defibrillator this last Sunday. We have a sign-up sheet for those who would like to attend a CPR course. If you would like to attend, please call or email this week to the church and we can put you on the list. Thank you.

Because of our support of Adams County Pet Rescue, they would like to extend an invitation to visit their facility and show us around. This will happen on March 6, time for this will be announced.

All midweek Lenten message will be available online this year. Please check the church webpage each Wednesday for the midweek message. Thank you.

For Lent this year, we will be collecting personal care kits. There has been a plea through the ELCA for these kits. What is needed for these kits is:

<p style="text-align: center;">PERSONAL CARE KITS</p> <p>SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use. • Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size. • Please give new items only. • Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name. • Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. • Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. • All items should be new and in good condition. • Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. <p>INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT</p> <p>ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended</p> <p>TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping</p> <p>ONE adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*</p> <p>ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging</p> <p>ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging</p> <p>* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LWR.ORG</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Items for Personal Care Kits</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20 x 40" and 52 x 27"), dark color recommended. 2. Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz, any brand in original wrapping 3. One adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging. 4. One sturdy comb, remove packaging. 5. One metal nail clippers (attached the optional), remove packaging. <p>Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.</p>
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When we have gathered all our kits at the end, the Sunday School children will put them together and the adults will pack them in boxes and get them mailed.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

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