



February 21, 2021 1st Sunday in Lent



Worship Participants

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Hymn Leader: Janet Beckman
Reader: Jim Thorson

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to see that out of God's great love for us, God makes the first move toward humanity by establishing covenants (binding promises) with certain chosen people whose role it has always been to proclaim the truth of the ever faithful love of God for all the world.

Prelude

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 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.

Hymn: *ELW 517 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through the waters of the Jordan and your Word you revealed yourself to your son, the beloved. By water and the Word you reveal to us the way you have made for our salvation through Jesus, your son, our savior. By sheer grace, because of your love for us, you moved to establish a covenant with us. Renew us in our baptismal covenant. Trusting in your promises to us, in your love for us, may we be strengthened in our service to you in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Message

Generosity Moment

Hymn: *ELW 326 - Bless Now, O God, the Journey, verses 1 & 3*

Prayers of the People

Communion - Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Table Blessing/Prayer

Blessing and Sending

Postlude

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](https://www.biblegateway.com). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]