

# The First Sunday in Lent, year B

## February 21, 2021 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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### Focus on the Season: The First Sunday in Lent, year B

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On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey towards baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. Today, Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but joins us to the Church, the Body of Christ, and the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

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### Centering and Gathering

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*Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.*

HYMN: ELW 238, "The Great Litany"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the First Sunday in Lent, year C, February 14, 2016. John Qidmark and the Mount Olive Children's Choir, leaders.*

### Word

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#### GREETING

- 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 our 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 READING: Genesis 9:8-17; reader – Grace Wiechman, lector

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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." <sup>12</sup>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: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.”<sup>17</sup> 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.”

#### PSALMODY: Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, \* I lift <sup>1</sup> up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be <sup>1</sup> put to shame, \* nor let my enemies triumph <sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be <sup>1</sup> put to shame; \* rather let those be put to shame <sup>1</sup> who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your <sup>1</sup> ways, O LORD, \* and teach <sup>1</sup> me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your <sup>1</sup> truth and teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all <sup>1</sup> the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- <sup>1</sup> sion and love, \* for they are from <sup>1</sup> everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and <sup>1</sup> my transgressions; \* remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- <sup>1</sup> ness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- <sup>1</sup> right, O LORD; \* therefore you teach sinners <sup>1</sup> in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- <sup>1</sup> ly in justice \* and teach the low- <sup>1</sup> ly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness \* to those who keep your covenant and your <sup>1</sup> testimonies.

*Sung at Mount Olive on the First Sunday in Lent, year B, February 18, 2018.*

#### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22; reader – Art Halbardier, assisting minister

*Peter writes:*<sup>18</sup> 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,<sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,<sup>20</sup> 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 persons, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup> 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,<sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Return to the Lord”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Second Sunday in Lent, year A, March 16, 2014.*

#### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> Jesus was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the reign of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

#### SERMON

*Silence for reflection.*

#### Remember

Vicar Andrea Bonneville

#### HYMN: ELW 454, “Remember and Rejoice”

*Sung at Mount Olive at the Lent Procession Service, Sunday, March 5, 2017.*

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Our Assisting Minister for today, Art Halbardier, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) **Response: Hear our prayer.**

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

## OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:  
<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

## Sending

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LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

BLESSING **Response: Amen**

HYMN: ELW 319, "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the First Sunday in Lent, year A, March 5, 2017.*

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

¶ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

¶ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Two settings of EIN FESTE BURG Johann Gottfried Walther (1864-1748)  
Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)

*Recorded on the First Sunday in Lent, year C, March 10, 2019; Cantor David Cherwien, organist.*



## In Our Prayers

- Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Evelyn Royce; Julia Adams; Elizabeth Beissel, Charlotte Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Christine Walberg; James Wilkes; Sue Ellen Zagabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, relative of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisenga, relative of Wes Huisenga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Bob Adamson, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; Nicole Sanders, Ann Clark, friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linquist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie

*Manuel; Ellen Katsoulis, friend of Carol Martinson; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; James Hagen, son-in-law of George & Marlys Oelfke; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Kathryn Glick, aunt/godmother of Kathy Thurston and Steve Swanson, friend of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesher Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Peg Boyle, mother of Amy Thompson; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilke, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes and family, Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.*

- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Clyde (Joe) Beissel and Matthew Tingler.
- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**

**February 23:** St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156 – Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

**February 25:** Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921 – Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.