

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - February 21, 2021

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

SONG: A Mighty Fortress is Our God – LBW 228-229 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2XryruGMxY>

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.	Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing: Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.
And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us; The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.	That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth; Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the mark of our baptism*

Blessed be The Holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

**Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God. Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, 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.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray: (A brief silence)*

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.**

### GREETING AND KYRIE

#### Apostolic 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 Elison (Def: "Lord, have mercy." A plea for mercy)

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

### **1st READING: A reading from Genesis 9:8-17**

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

8 God 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, 10 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. 11 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." 12 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: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 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. 16 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." 17 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."

### **Psalm 25:1-10**

*Your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)*

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

**All: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

One: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**All: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

One: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**All: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

One: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**All: You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

One: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**All: All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### **2nd READING: A reading from 1 Peter 3:18-22**

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

18 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, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 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. 21 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, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:4)**

✠✠✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL According to St. Mark 1:9-15

**Praise to you, O Lord.**

*Mark’s gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus’ followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God’s glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 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. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

MESSAGE – Pastor Curtis Zieske

**LITURGY OF THE HOLY TABLE**

SONG: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word -LBW 230 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teI3ayeBxX0>

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from your Son And bring to nought all he has done.	Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, For you are Lord of lords alone; Defend your holy Church that we May sing your praise triumphantly.
O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death of life.	

APOSTLES’ CREED

This is what we believe and teach:

**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 INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction (*especially . . . here local environmental concerns may be named*). Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Mary Mitchner, thanksgiving for healing from eye surgery

Jack Johnson, prayers of healing

Lois, Mary's Michener's friend, with broken hip.

Linda, Diane Hawkins' sister, diagnosed with cancer

Sharon Reynolds.

Sharron Helm, comfort and healing

Nancy Hallin's mother, Susan, healing from surgery

Luke, Anne Clemens' grandson, searching for employment

Inez's 9-year old granddaughter, Hana, after surgery and tests

Pastor Shelley starting chemo and prayers for healing

Miles and Stephanie's daughter Lucy, with medical diagnosis

Kim, Phyllis' daughter-in-law, healing from arm surgery

Molli's dad, David, for peace and hope

Kathy Moredock for health

Nancy Ostrem with a torn rotator cuff

Small business owners during COVID.

Communities affected by fire, flood, earthquake.

Our nation with new administration.

All diagnosed with COVID-19 and families that supports them.

Call Committee and process

Students and staff as they transition from distance to in-person teaching

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you now and always. **And also with you.**

*Worshippers share a sign of peace with one another.*

OFFERING *(An offering is gathered as the sacramental gifts are prepared.)*

## OFFERING PRAYER

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

## ✠ COMMUNION

*Gather a glass of wine or juice, and some bread or a cracker - then remember the communion we celebrate at Christ the Good Shepherd -*

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. + Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you are the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

But most blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. *(All bow)*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. *(All bow)*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless † this bread and cup. May your Word take flesh in † us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy God, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior has taught us, we pray boldly: **Our Father...**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beloved, here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

*At this time, you may remember the gift of Holy Communion with your own bread and cup.*

POST COMMUNION

*AFTER ALL HAVE COMMUNED*

The body and blood of Christ our Lord, which you have now received, bless you, preserve you, and keep you, to eternal life. **Amen.**

*Let us pray;* Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: I Want Jesus to Walk With Me ELW 325 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90ZGXp89FyU>

I want Jesus to walk with me I want Jesus to walk with me All along my pilgrim journey I want Jesus to walk with me	In my trials, Lord, walk with me In my trials, Lord, walk with me When my heart is almost breaking Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me
When I’m In trouble, Lord walk with me When I’m in trouble, Lord walk with me When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.	

BLESSING: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

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**Reflection for First Sunday of Lent:**

Today’s reflection comes courtesy of Pastor Zieske very dear friend, Pastor David Hernes, from their all-too-brief time together in Albert Lea, Minnesota. Pastor Hernes died in 2014; may he rest in peace. He often put his thoughts into poetry and sometimes a stream-of-consciousness style of writing. He called it “Some Writings from God and David.” This is his reflection on Lent 2008.

## WALKING IN TWO CENTURIES

The Church walks funny.

It walks with one foot in the first century. And the other in the twenty-first.

It has to.

If it walked only in the twenty-first century, it would lose its message.

If it walked only in the first century, it would lose its message also.

So it's a tricky walk. Hard to keep a proper balance.

But – when it does – it is graceful. Er – Grace full.

Where did the Church get this strange way of walking?

From Jesus.

He walked in the first century (his own)

And he walked in the twenty-first century BC. (Or the forty-first – or the eighty-first BC).

Anyway, clear back to the beginning of time.

That's where his message came from.

And he applied it and offered it to his own time.

So here we go with Lent again.

We go back to the first century.

To the last week in the life of Jesus.

We remember – and re-live – and realize.

What do we realize?

We realize that Jesus walked in the first century – and walks in the twenty-first.

So if the Church walks funny – so does Jesus.

And – some folks laugh. They laugh at our Jesus. And they laugh at us.

That's okay.

Because Jesus has freed us up to laugh as we humans were meant to laugh.

From the depths of our beings. From the joy of being restored to our Father.

To laugh at ourselves. Our own tacky self-righteousness. Our own false pride.

To laugh at the hilarity of Grace. Grace that is greater than all our sins!

Jesus fit the first century. And he fits the twenty-first.

May we walk as gracefully as Jesus did – and still does.

- From the writings of David Hernes





## Announcements

### **Pastoral Care Needs**

Please contact our U-Matters Team through Twila Anderson at (503) 871-5253. In addition, Pastor Curtis Zieske, our bridge pastor, is available for critical needs: **507-351-9580**. Because of Covid restrictions he is unable to make hospital or care center visits at this time except for end-of-life circumstances. Twila will coordinate with him.

### **Office Hours: Office hours are 9-3:30, Monday-Thursday**

Rose will be working in the church office on Wednesdays,  
unless otherwise communicated.

**We are currently having difficulties with the church voicemail system, so please email or call Rose's cell:  
971-222-8944 until further notice during office hours only.**

If you need to come to the office to drop something off, pick something up, or discuss a matter on a day other than  
Wednesday, please contact [office@christthegoodshep.org](mailto:office@christthegoodshep.org)

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Copies of "Christ in Our Home" have arrived. Contact the office or Rose if you need an alternative pickup.  
Daily emails of CIOH are available here: <https://go.augsburgfortress.org/temporary-christ-in-our-home-email>

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*Announcements and prayer requests and praise updates can be sent to [office@christthegoodshep.org](mailto:office@christthegoodshep.org) or  
shared with Heidi Dupuis*

**Members are expressing interest in a bible study. Help us plan by completing  
this survey.**

<https://forms.gle/cMQvkhQcyg2M4Xcz7>

**Join us Wednesday, 7PM at the Zoom information above to participate in Ash Wednesday.**

**Virtual Soup Suppers**  
5:30 pm Wednesdays  
February 24-March 24  
*followed by*  
**Evening Vespers**  
6:00 pm

Zoom ID:  
837  
6115  
9516

*Bring your  
own supper!*

The poster features five bowls of different soups: a red tomato soup with meat, a dark red soup with vegetables, a white bowl of orange soup with a spoon, a yellow soup, and a bright orange soup with green herbs.

***The Lord's Cupboard needs our help. Please drop your donations by Trinity Methodist on  
590 Elma Ave. and call 503-585-8851 to arrange a drop off time or contact the office to  
drop at the Christ House.***