

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - Saskatoon

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PRAY



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GIVE

Order of Service

Prelude – “O Man Bewail Thy Grievous Sin” – J.S. Bach

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

Gathering Song – “Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church” – ELW #321

Kyrie – pg. 157

Gloria – pg. 157

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 Reading: 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.’

Psalms 25:1-10 (with refrain)

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

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation

for you I wait all day long.
Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,
to you, I lift my soul.*

Second Reading: 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.

Gospel Acclamation – pg. 176

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

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

Homily

Hymn of the Day: "My Savior and My God" – Choir Anthem

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" – ELW #326

Postlude – "Prelude and Fugue" in E Minor by J.S. Bach

Announcements:

The Bible "Book of the Month" Club meets Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00 on Zoom. Contact the office for the Zoom link.

Join Pastor Ron for prayer 10:00 am Wednesday morning by Zoom. Contact the church for the Zoom link.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Outreach collection this year. It is wonderful to continually see the generosity of Zion members. The Mitten Tree donations have been delivered and the Interval House donations will be dropped off mid-March. The Social Outreach Fund is always in need of replenishment and monetary donations can be made at any time.

If you are interested in receiving the **bulletin, sermon or messenger devotion** by postal mail, contact Kaylyn in the office. You can also receive these by email if you don't already.

“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”

Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent
far off yet here – the goal of all desire.

So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living in your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.

If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the firstborn of all the faithful dead; and
as through stony ground the green shoots break
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r,
so into life and glory shall we wake.

“My Savior and My God”

My life, my love I give to Thee,
Thou Lamb of God who died for me.
O May I ever faithful be,
my Savior and my God.

O Thou who died on Calvary,
to save my soul and set me free,
I'll dedicate my life to Thee,
my Savior and my God

I'll live for Him who died for me,
how richer then my life will be.
I'll bow to Him on bended knee,
my Savior and my God.

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my Savior and my God.

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

In Our Prayers: Derwin Hall, Andrea Nostbakken, Nandari Swamy, Martin, Weldeyesus family, Mallory Jess, Wally Cubbon, Cecelia Jurgens, Vibes Paulsen, Neil Taylor, Vi Stalwick, Dale Stalwick, Gloria Hamp, Lena & their family, Adam, Betty McManus, Aaron Froese, Glenn Wood, Borgny Lokken, Samhara & Saraq, Brenda Smith, Robert Reid, Slind Family, Arryn Hahn and family