



1st Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Because of human sin, the Lord destroys the earth by flood, yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment and faithfulness to his people and all of creation. The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tried by Satan. Our baptism sustains us to restore our relationships through faithfulness to God and to others.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Then God spoke to Noah and his sons, "I'm making a promise to you today that never again will all living things be destroyed by a flood."

"And as a visible sign of this covenant I will place a bow in the sky as a reminder of this promise I make today."

We give you thanks, O God, for in the first days of creation your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created all of life.

Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea, you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as your sons and daughters, making us heirs of your promise and servants of

all. We worship you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

This past Wednesday, many of us were marked with ashes and reminded that we are from the dust, and will return to dust. We are on a Lenten journey that will culminate in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we enter a time of confession, let's remember how our old sinful self is put to death in baptism, and we rise from the water as reborn children of God.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

**We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**

**In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God,

you faithfully rescued Noah and his family from the waters of the flood, and you have parted the seas for your people throughout all time. You can make fountains spring from rocks in the desert, and you can rain bread from heaven to sustain life. You have been faithful, you are faithful, and you will always be faithful. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9:8-17

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:9-15

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

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

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Restoring Relationships through Faithfulness"*

APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again 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**

OFFERING

PRAYER HYMN *O Lord, Here My Prayer*

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer;
O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours forever
and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!** *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go and trust the promises of God in baptism.

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, February 21st

9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube- “Restoring Relationships”

10:30am Church Council Meets

5:00pm Confirmation

6:30-8pm HS Youth Group

Monday, February 22nd

9:30am Lent Bible Study with Pastor Deb in the building and on Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Wednesday, February 24th

6:30pm Mid-Week Lenten Service in the building and live streamed on Facebook and YouTube- “Created For Community”

Thursday, February 25th

7:00pm Lent Bible Study with Chelle on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 886-0644-8843 Password: 372054

Saturday, February 27th

10:00am Lent Bible Study with Pastor Deb in the building and on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Sunday, February 28th

9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

6:30-8pm HS Youth Group

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We Lift in Prayer...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Ruth Sichterman (mother of Dan Mintzclaff); Glen (Father-in-Law of Carmen Lakner)

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Linda Morrison; Glen; Bruce Sunding, Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Randy (Cousin of Peg Tesch); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson); Kara and Chad (friends of Kendra Malacek);

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Dennis Wilkersen; Kitty Aman; Larry Mills; Randy (Shotgun) Schumack; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel); Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue)

**For those in long-term care facilities

**For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.

**For our leaders at every level.

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.



DOG Night

Visit our website every Wednesday for new videos for age groups from toddlers to 8th graders. Each week will visit a new lesson!

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2021 BLACK HILLS COUPON BOOKS ARE HERE!!!

\$20.00

Coupon books can be purchased from Pastor Deb, Josie in the church office or a Youth Group member or future Bible Camper. Call, text or email Pastor Deb at 605-890-0781 or pastordeb@oslhermosa.com



Dan Nelson lost his home on Gumbo Lily Lane as well as all possession in the home because of a fire on November 18, 2020. He continues to live on the property in a camper with plans to begin rebuilding soon. Donations this month will help Dan with rebuilding expenses. Financial donations can be mailed or dropped off at the church, placed in the Globe Offering during worship or given electronically. There is a place to check Mission of the Month if you use Tith-ly. Thank you for your generosity.



Sunday Mornings
9:30am

In person and Live on
Facebook/YouTube

*Holy Communion on Feb 7th and 21st

Lent is a time for self-examination, repentance, and confession. It's also a time to take stock of our relationships, both with God and with others. As we walk together toward the cross, we'll discover ways to restore our relationships through justice, faithfulness, trust, limits, love and forgiveness.

Wednesday Nights
6:30pm Feb. 24th,
March 3, 10, 17, 24
In person and Live on
Facebook/YouTube

Lent is also a time for deepening of community. During this pandemic time, our hearts have yearned for a deeper community that extends beyond the walls of the church and into our homes and hearts. Using readings from Mark's gospel, this Lenten worship series invites the assembly to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God.

Open to everyone in the community. Masks will be worn in the building.

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