



February 18, 2024

10:00 am

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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**We are blessed that you
have joined us today.**

Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God =You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day



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 focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First 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 the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

WELCOME

*Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us either in person or online. **If you are seeking a church to call home, welcome and we hope you find the comfort of Christ's Beloved Community here.** If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at present, please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holytrinitybellerose.org.*

~Please stand as you are able~

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.
Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of
sin**

and cannot break free.

**We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.**

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

**For all these things and for sins only you
know,**

forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life
through ✚ Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 322 vs 1, 3, 4

Oh, Love, How Deep

**1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!**

**3 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.**

**4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself, but us.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE W&P 9

As the Deer

**As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longs after You.**

**You alone are my hearts desire
and I long to worship You.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield.
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my hearts desire
and I long to worship You.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

~Please be seated~

First Reading: 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.

The first reading is from Genesis, beginning at the ninth chapter.

⁸God 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. 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. "Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

We will now read responsively from Psalm 25.

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember 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.

**⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-22 NRSV

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.

The second reading is from first Peter beginning at the 3rd chapter.

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15 NRSV

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark beginning at the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated~

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #613 vs

Thy Holy Wings

- 1 Thy holy wings, O Savior,
spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely
through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion,
my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment
be lived within thy grace.**
- 2 Oh, let me nestle near thee,
within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort
and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me
and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn
and need thy tender care.**
- 3 Oh, wash me in the waters
of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit,
a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping
thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber,
enfold us one and all.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

***~Please remain standing as you desire,
otherwise please be seated~***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things,
let us pray for the church, the well-being of
creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room
for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for
voices that challenge and awaken your people.
Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our maker, you remember your covenant
with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue
communities and creatures hurting from natural
disasters. Preserve species and habitats
endangered by human carelessness and
disregard. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all
who govern from the temptations of power.
Sustain all who work for human rights in every
nation. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our help, you care for your beloved children.
Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or
in despair. Feed hungry people living in food
deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and
abuse. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us
health and safety as we assemble. Keep us
mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized,
convalescing, or traveling *especially Bob Sarro,
Janice Rajgopaul, Renee Hellenbrecht, Joseph
Gallagher, Betty Innella, Dennis Aragona, Susan
Henyan, Jackie Budds, Kenny Budds, Gloria
Munsch, Daniel and Linda, Linda Lago, Anil
Sharma, Ruth, and Rosetta Fiorella, the family of
Paul Hellenbrecht.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and
dignity of every person, especially any who
experience hatred and rejection because of
gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity,
or religion. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your
beloved children. We remember with gratitude
those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that
we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and
receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

*Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one
another. (In the method of your comfort level.)*

~Please be seated~

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able~

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

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 call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and
might; Heav'n and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord
Jesus took bread, 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.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life
among us, his death and resurrection, we await
his coming again when all things will be
restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you, we may live
as your children, shining with the light of your
Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your
holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach
us to pray:

**Our Father, who art 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; and lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

~Please be seated~

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to the Lord's Table. We receive
communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup
of wine or grape juice. Please tell the ushers if you
need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are
not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to
receive today, please come forward and cross your
arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow
the usher's directions.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #715 vs 1-3

Christ Be Our Light

**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

~Please stand as you are able~

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable
grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one
bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
Amen.

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #504 vs.
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**
- 2 No strength of ours can match his
might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission? **Welcoming all to grow
in faith; living Christ's message of serving
and loving neighbors near and far.**
Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

***Thank you for worshipping
with us today. We are blessed by
your presence.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be available on our interactive bulletin at: holyltrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Lenten Bible study will continue through Monday, March 18th at 10am and 7 pm. We are discussing the Gospel of Mark. Books are \$11. See the signup sheet in the narthex.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting March 12 @ 7:30 pm.

YOUTH GROUP

The youth meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday's from beginning at 6:30 pm. Contact Diane Gilroy for more information.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denise & Pastor Analyse with Altar Guild responsibilities.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Meetings every 3rd Wednesday from 7-9 pm. All are welcome. **Next meeting- February 28th** - Dips & Discussion - topic to be Healthy Living/Life Balance. March-Mitch Albom's book "The Stranger in the Lifeboat." Any questions contact Carol Robinson or Denise Watkins.

PINECREST REGISTRATION

Pinecrest registration for the 2024 session is now open!!! Camp will be August 4-10, 2024 for campers ages 15-26. The cost for camp is \$450 (Holy Trinity provides a half scholarship for new campers), and veteran campers can go for the same price through June 1, after which the price will increase to \$475. Sign up at <https://www.pinecrestllm.org/pinecrest-2024> Please reach out to Pastor Analyse if you have any questions. Pinecrest offers scholarships as well, the form for which can be found at the link above.

STAIRLIFT FUNDRAISER

Help us lift you up! Our stairlift to the Sanctuary needs replacing. Our goal is \$3,700.00. Thank you for helping make HTLC more accessible. We've raised \$1,200.00 so far!

VIDEOGRAPHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Learn a new skill. The camera is really user friendly. See Pastor for additional information.

YOGA PRACTICE

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall. One hour for only \$10.

Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

BIRTHDAY CAKE SIGNUP SHEET FOR 2024

Please see signup sheet in the narthex. We still need a volunteer for June!

February Birthdays

- 3 Tatyana Rajbali
- 5 Sam Lewis
- 5 Susan Downey
- 5 Amelia Calderon
- 19 Diane Gilroy
- 26 Mary Ng



LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LENTEN SUNDAY WORSHIP

Services at 10am
Coffee Hour after Worship

PALM SUNDAY + MARCH 24, 2024

Service at 10am
Palm Sunday Breakfast
after Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY + MARCH 28, 2024

Potluck & Service at 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY + MARCH 29, 2024

Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY + MARCH 31, 2024

Service at 10am

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