

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Little Cedar & Marshall Lutheran Churches  
LC ~ 9:00am    M ~ 10:30am  
February 21, 2021  
*Pastor Jeremy D. Johnson*

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen**

P: God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Fountain of living water,

**C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace; by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen**

**Hymn**      "Thy Holy Wings"

ELW #613

## **Kyrie**

Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.

**You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed  
and were created.**

Great and amazing are your deeds,  
Lord God the Almighty!

**Just and true are your ways,  
ruler of the nations!**

Lord, who will not fear  
and glorify your name?

**For you alone are holy.**

All nations will come  
and worship before you,  
**for your judgments have been revealed.**

Praise our God,  
all you servants of the Lord,  
and all who fear God,  
small and great.

**Hallelujah!**

**For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.**

**Let us rejoice and exult  
and give God the glory.**

The Spirit and the church say, Come.  
**And let everyone who hears say, Come.**  
And let everyone who is thirsty come.

**Let anyone who wishes  
take the water of life as a gift.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, **C: 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 ~ 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.

<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.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25:1-10 "Prayer for Guidance and for Deliverance"

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

<sup>2</sup> **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

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

<sup>6</sup> **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup> **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

## Children's Sermon

### Gospel Acclamation

P: Holy Gospel Mark 1:9-15 C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

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 Baptism of Jesus

<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."

### The Temptation of Jesus

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

### The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

<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 kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The Gospel of our Lord. C: **Praise to You O Christ.**

### Sermon

Pastor Jeremy Johnson

Hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

ELW #517

### Apostles Creed

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### Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.**

### Offertory

### Offering Response

### Lord's Prayer

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### \*Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\dagger$  give you peace. **ALL: Amen**

Hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

ELW #325

P: Go in peace. To love and serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Office Hours:** Monday & Tuesday 9am to 4pm, Closed Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 4pm.

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### **Sunday Worship**

Beginning February 7<sup>th</sup> Little Cedar and Marshall will be having in-person worship. Little Cedar @ 9:00am, Marshall @10:30. We will record one of those services and post on Facebook and YouTube as soon as possible for those that do not join us in-person. It is important for us to follow guidelines, so please be sure to wear a facemask and social distance when joining in-person.

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### **A Season of Hope Lenten Challenge**

We often times take for granted the simple needs like soap, towels, and toothbrushes. Lutheran World Relief is in need of Personal Care Kits! The warehouse shelves are nearly empty, and they can't keep up with the demand. Little Cedar Council is challenging the congregation to raise funds during the season of Lent. \$10 is enough to cover the cost of 1 kit. Little Cedar Council will match up to \$500 in donations for a grand total of \$1,000. That is enough to make at least 100 kits. Later this spring our confirmation students will join together to assemble the kits. We would also take donations of bath towels to help assemble those kits. They should be light-weight towels between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27". Dark towels are recommended. Let's make this a season of hope and meet the challenge in meeting the needs of those most in need!

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### **Lenten Wednesday Worship**

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm @ Little Cedar

Some changes will need to be made to make sure everyone stays safe. Stay tuned for updates as we continue our Lenten Journey! Thank you for your continued patience and support as we figure out how to be church in some new ways!

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### **Prayer Concerns**

Larry Smith (Father of Tracy Smith) ~ Maverick Thalberg (Grandson of Nancy Thalberg)

Larry Meyer (Brother-in-law) of Shirley Thome

Jerry & Jackie Johnson (Pastor Jeremy's Parents)

Liam Kiefer (grandson of Terry & Carol Kiefer)

Judy Johnson ~ Curt Lewison ~ Gloria Mallory

Terry Emanuel ~ Mavis Klaudt

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### **COVID-19 and Building Use~**

Organizations such as Boy, Cub & Girls Scouts, 4-H etc. will have a waiver to sign to use the building.

**Masks must be worn at all times.**