

REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday in Lent

Baptisms

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*Altar flowers
are given by
Nancy Ulloa
in loving memory of
Elizabeth Anderson*

Today we welcome Molly Olivia Minnick, her parents Jennifer & Gregory, big sister Elaina and big brothers Robert & Mawell, family & friends on the event of Molly's baptism. Her sponsors are Dorothy & Jay Kropack.

Also, please welcome Tyler Joseph Pellegrino, his parents Christy Carver & Joseph Pellegrino, family & friends on the event of Tyler's baptism. His sponsors are Ashlie Simonelli and Josh Carver.



*Wednesdays during Lent: Study at 7pm
March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6*

Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday 9:30am

Thursday, April 14: Maundy Thursday/Good Friday 7pm

**Sunday, April 17: 9:30am
The Resurrection of Our Lord!**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song: "Lamb Of God"

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy upon us Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us your peace, Grant us your peace.**

Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our living, risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✚ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: "My Peace"

**My peace I give unto you
It's a peace that the world cannot give
It's a peace that the world cannot understand
Peace to know, peace to live
My peace I give unto you**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude:



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"Discovering Christ's community through building relationships"

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Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

Prelude: "Holy and Anointed One"

Welcome
(Please stand as able)

Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In ✚ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

Passing of the Peace:

"During this time of Covid, please remain in your pew, but share a sign of peace with the neighbors around you"

Gathering Song: "Borning Cry" Red book #732

Opening Baptismal Liturgy: "Song Over Waters" (Refrain)

Refrain

God, you have moved up - on the wa - ters, you have sung in the
rush of wind and flame; and in your love you have called us sons and
daugh - ters: make us peo - ple of the wa - ter and your name.

Cantor: Come fill our waiting hearts with the spirit of Jesus, let us shine with your light and peace. **All: Song over the Waters refrain**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

Blessing of the Water

Pastor: Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism. Let us ask God to bless it, and to keep us faithful to the Spirit He has given us. God our Father...

Cantor: Praise to you, O God! **All: Praise to you, O God!**

Pastor: We ask you now to...

Cantor: Praise to you, O God! **All: Praise to you, O God!**

Pastor: Renew the living spring...**All: Amen**

Cantor: Waters of the sea, waters of the earth **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Waters of the skies, waters of our birth **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Rivers of the earth, gentle flowing streams **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Spirit of our hopes, spirit of our dreams **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Waters of the clouds, waters of the wind **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Waters that will be, waters that have been **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Mighty blowing storms, gentle falling rains **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Water for the vine, water for the grain **All: Renew us!**

Offertory Prayer

C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

(Please stand as able)

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: 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 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, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.**

Words of Institution

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.

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.

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the
Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your
holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (spoken):

**C: 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.**

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Please remain standing)

Prayers of Intercession

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are in distress (*especially*). Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Cantor: You are the breath of life, you are the hope of the hopeless, come
And fill us with light and peace.

All: Song Over the Waters Refrain

*Holy Baptism of Molly Olivia Minnick & Tyler Joseph Pellegrino
Red Book Page 227 (or follow along on hand out)*

Special music "Children are a Treasure from the Lord" Jan Strojny

The Prayer of the Day

C: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

*The first reading is from the 34th Chapter of Exodus
First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35*

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Song: "Jesus Loves Me"

Red Book #595

The second reading is from the 3rd Chapter of 2 Corinthians

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as able)

Gospel Acclamation: **"Turn Back to the Lord"**

C: Turn back to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. Slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 9th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please stand as able)

Sermon Hymn: **The Glory of These Forty Days** **red book# 320**
(or follow along on hand out)