

# LORDSTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Sunday, February 18, 2024*

*10:00AM*

*FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT*

# Welcome to



Easter Flower Orders

# Worship



**DUE**  
**Today**

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**Worship Bulletin  
Sunday, February 18, 2024  
Lordstown Lutheran Church**

Rev. Betti Hazelton—Pastor  
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Mrs. Lois Dorazio—Choir Director  
Mrs. Barb Paxson - Lectors

*We welcome you to worship with us this morning and we're glad you are here. May God bless our time together and may you feel renewed and refreshed as we celebrate God's unconditional love for the world. Thank you for joining us today and we hope you will return again soon.*

*Children's Sunday School meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship, and Children's Service project on the 5th Sunday during the School year. As a courtesy the congregation does not stand during worship unless instructed to do so.*

## **Today's Worship Theme**

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.

## **Entering Into God's Presence**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE - A Quiet Time for Reflection**

# Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**L:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**P: Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**L:** Holy God,

**P: 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.**

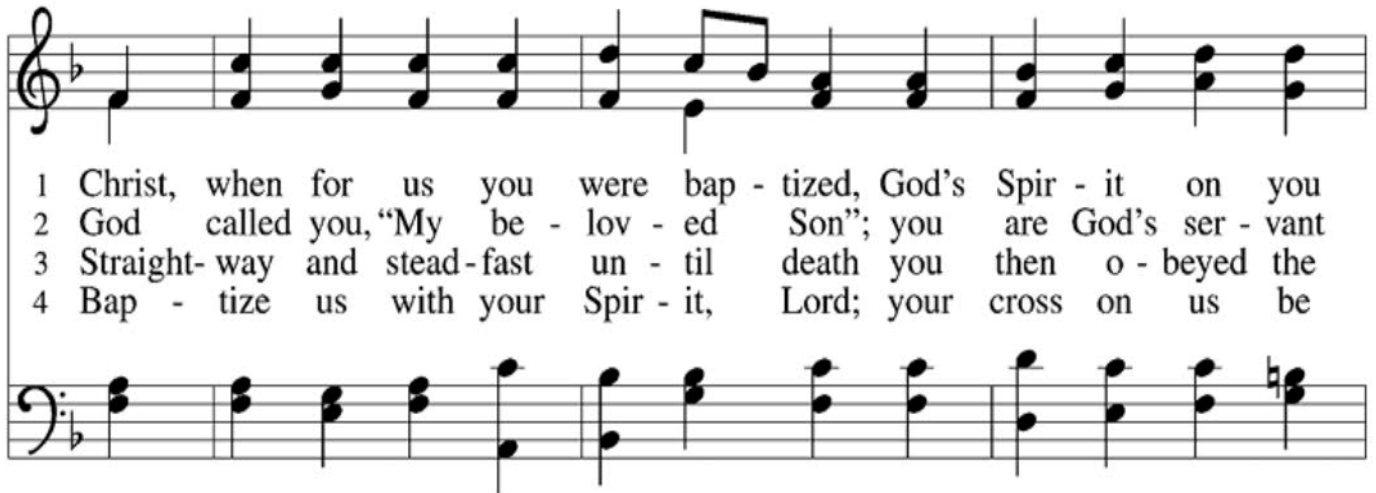
**Amen.**

**L:** 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.

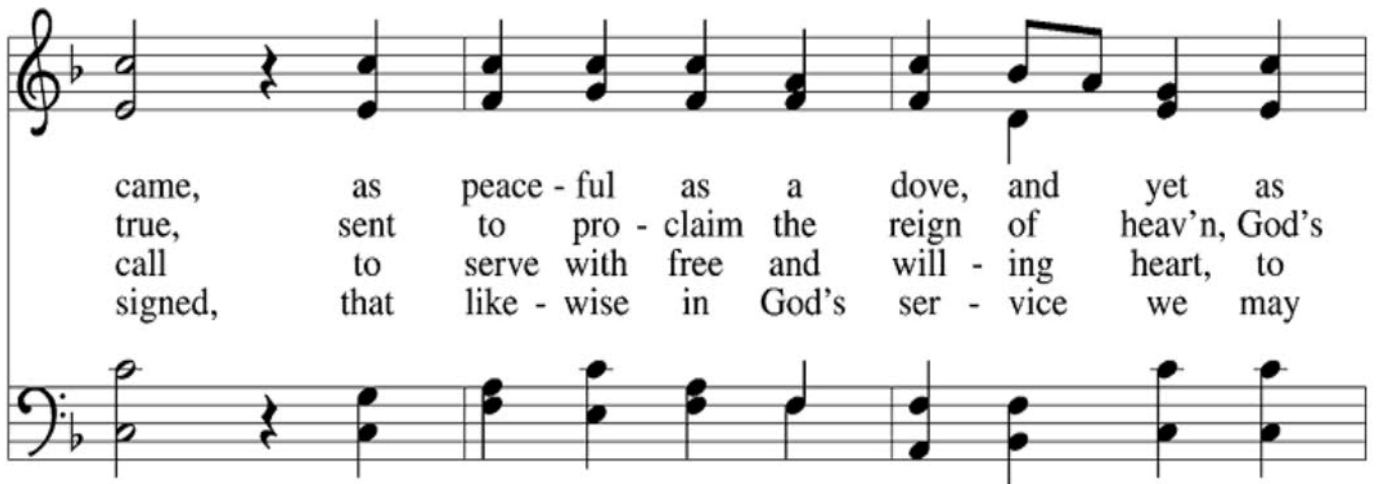
**P: Amen**

## GATHERING HYMN vs ALL


# Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized 304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together.

**ALL: 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**

## **God's Word for Us Today**

### ***Special Music***

#### **First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17 LECTOR**

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.

[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."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10**

## **LECTOR**

*Your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)*

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 LECTOR**

*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.*

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.

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Thanks be to God

## **Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

*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 St. Mark

**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."

**Praise to you O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Hazelton**



# HYMN OF THE DAY VS ALL

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## Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.



# Together We Say What We Believe

## APOSTLES CREED

**ALL: 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.**



# We Offer Our Prayers and Thanksgiving

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great, "receive our prayer."

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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**

## OFFERING SONG

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God, above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



## OFFERING PRAYER

**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**

*Offering Plates are Located by the doors to the Sanctuary or  
You may mail your financial gifts to the church.*

*Attn: Pat Hogan  
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## Going Forth to Serve

### BLESSING

L: 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 VS ALL

## 319 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share your bread.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE



## Altar Flowers

### Donated by an Anonymous Donor

To provide altar flowers for worship, please sign up on the poster in the church lobby. \$25 for one vase \$50 for two.



## PRAYER LIST & PASTORAL CONCERNS

**Please keep our loved ones in your prayers this week**

**Immediate & Ongoing Health Concerns:** Lucas Paxson, Ron Hill, Phyllis Housel, Jean Housel, Ted Paxson, Leo Divencenzo, Tiffany Fellows, Destiny Givens, Anna Strickland, JoAnn Leepard, Joe Harrison, Molly and Family, Mary Sabol, Mark Molnar, Laura Paxson, Rachael Ann, Ilona Rupnik, Linda Behner, Judy Beckwith, Phyllis Knox

**Compassion Child:** Marc Yvans.

**Active Duty Military:** Julian Krusely, Jason Layfield, Talon Brown, Kiana Gates

**Scout Troop 20 and its leaders**

**Our Monthly Mission Outreach and The Children of Lordstown Elementary School**

**World Peace:** Especially for those living in the region of Ukraine and Russia.

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TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 25, 2024  
Second Sunday in Lent  
First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm: Psalm 22:23-31  
Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25  
Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

### *Lent Soup Suppers Wednesday's*

At 6:00 P.M. on February 21st, February 28th,  
March 6th, March 13th, & March 20th

Soup Supper will be followed by  
fellowship with readings, discussions, games,  
and praise songs.

**Please bring your own place setting**