

*Our Tree of Life*



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### Invitation to Lent and First Sunday in Lent

ELW SETTING THREE



February 26, 2023

9:00 am

## GATHERING

*The assembly gathers in silence.*

Psalm 51:1-17 (read responsively)

ELW Psalm 51

L: <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

L: <sup>3</sup> For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

L: <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**C: <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

L: <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**C: <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C: <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

L: <sup>13</sup> Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

**C: <sup>14</sup> Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

L: <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**C: <sup>16</sup> For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

L: <sup>17</sup> The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;

**C: a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.**

L: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## INVITATION TO LENT

### Invitation to the Discipline of Lent

Confession of sin

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P: Most holy and merciful God, **C: we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved ... have been forgiven. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: We have shut our...grieved your Holy Spirit. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our past unfaithfulness...we confess to you. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our self-indulgent... we confess to you. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our negligence in prayer...we confess to you. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our false judgments... we confess to you. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our waste and pollution...we confess to you. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

### Imposition of Ashes

Prayer

P: Almighty God, you have created us...our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

*People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.*

*If desired, we can come to you...please let the ushers know.*

Choir Anthem(s) during Imposition of Ashes – ‘Touch Me With Ashes’

*Words by Joseph M. Martin & Music by Stacey Nordmeyer*

Dialogue

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P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Prayer of the Day:

P: Lord God, our strength, **C: the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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Children's Message

Pastor Denise Fossen

Noisy Offering

Special Music

*'Thy Word'*

Sr Choir

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant

Gospel Acclamation

*'Return to the Lord...'*

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**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord... **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Denise Fossen

Hymn of the Day

*'I Want Jesus to Walk With Me'*

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**1 I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

Text & Music: African American spiritual, Arr. Hymnal version © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Apostles' Creed

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**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.**

Prayers for the People of God

P: ... Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering Collection and Presentation**

Offertory Hymn

*'When Peace, Like a River'*

#785

**1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

*Refrain: It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.*

**2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain**

**3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**

**4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. Refrain**

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888, Music: Villa Du Havre, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876.

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you...through Jesus our Savior. **C: Amen.**

### **SHARING THE MEAL**

*communion to be in the pews using communion kits*

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

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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.**

*'Holy, Holy, Holy'*

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.**

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Words of Institution

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... 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.**

Lord's Prayer

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**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 Communion

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

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**SENDING**

Announcements

Benediction

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 ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: We Will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

'Guide Me, Ever, Great Redeemer'

#618

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.**
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.**

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt. Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932.

Bells, Postlude

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*Revelations 22- Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.*

If you have pastoral needs, please call Pastor Denise anytime at 763-516-2026.

**This Week's Ministry Assistants—February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeter:** Marge Dragseth & Liz Ketz

**Acolytes:** Hannah & Brooke

**Organist:** Amy Adelman

**Imposition of Ashes:** Sara Mattison

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

**Lector:** Jim Foster

**Ushers:** Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants—March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Organist:** Amy Adelman

**Acolytes:** Treshawn

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

**Ushers:** Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants—March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Organist:** Kathy Haukos

**Acolytes:** Julia & Mason

**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson

**Ushers:** Ev Johnson, Jon & Kim Anderson, & Kevin Fossen

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sun – 2/26** 9:00 am Worship – First Sunday in Lent – Noisy Offering – KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Fellowship & Sunday School

10:20 am WAM meeting

1:30 pm Lac Qui Parle Conference at Kviteseid in Milan

**Mon – 2/27** 10:00 am Staff Meeting

**Tues – 2/28** 9:00 am Day of Love

12:00 pm Executive Meeting

4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View

6:00 pm Youth Leaders: Boundaries & Influence Zoom Training

**Wed – 3/1** 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

1:30 pm Fairway View Lenten Worship

6:15 pm Lenten Worship – FB Live

5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast

7:00 pm Senior Choir

*No Kid's Club, Youth Group, or Confirmation During Lent*

**Fri – 3/3** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

**Sun – 3/5** 9:00 am Worship – Second Sunday in Lent – KDIO & FB Live


10:00 am Fellowship & Sunday School


10:30 am Fairway View Worship Live

**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

**Happy Birthday Wishes** go out to Larry Dahle who turns 84 today and Marcy Stotesberry who turns 85 on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by your gifts to the endowment fund. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for January: \$21,483. Here is what we received: \$21,396. We deficit spent by \$87. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net). 

**We are looking for volunteers** to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office or Kristi Ehrenberg if you are willing to help. 

**If you have brought food** to the church for an event and will be picking up your pan or bowl, please pick them up in the Pickup Room next to the Secretary's office. They will no longer be left in the kitchen. Thank you.


**Youth Leaders: Boundaries and Influence** Zoom Training will held on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. For those registered you will receive a Zoom link on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Lenten Offerings** made during the mid-week services will be donated to Katie's Kicks.

**Our special Lenten schedule** is as follows: will have a Lenten service each Wednesday at Fairway View (1:30pm) and at FELC (6:15pm). Holy Week begins April 2<sup>nd</sup> with Palm Sunday at 9 am. Maundy Thursday (4/6) & Good Friday (4/7) services will be at 7 pm. Easter Sunday (4/9) will have two services: 7 and 9 am with Easter breakfast in between.

**"The Message" Large Print Bible** is still available. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this large print bible, please contact the office.

**We are seeking to fill** the FELC Youth and Children Program Leader position. It will start at approx. 20-hours per week, Mon-Fri, plus limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you or someone you know is interested, drop off your resume and references at the church office or e-mail it to [pastor@firstenglish.net](mailto:pastor@firstenglish.net).

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Ken Henneberg; Arlen LaCombe; Barb & Roger Nornes, Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Eryls Sis; Brandi Tweeter; Mick Boone; Paul Erdman; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Swede & Janet Anderson; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict.   
*If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.*





February 26, 2023, First Sunday in Lent

Matthew 4:1-11

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Sustaining God, with the words of your holy scriptures, Jesus resisted all the temptations of the devil. Write your word on our hearts that we might also turn away from evil, in Jesus name. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. (Matthew 4:1-2)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**At the height of hunger and isolation, Jesus keenly feels the stab of temptation in the wilderness. Will he cave in to his primal needs and desires, or stay true to his identity and muster the strength to resist?**





**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How does a community come to agreement about which laws, rules, or norms are to be followed? Which rules or norms are unique to your setting? How are they enforced?
- What tempts you the most? How can your faith help you resist temptation?
- For the littles: Which is harder to resist... a sweet treat or staying up past bedtime? God can help you resist both!



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**May God deliver you from temptation. Amen.**



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Choose one temptation to resist this week. Look at the challenge not as a punishment, but as an opportunity to be free from the object of your temptation. Notice how you feel after one week.**



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18

Tuesday, Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Wednesday, Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14

Thursday, Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Friday, Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31

Saturday, Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10