



# First English Lutheran Church

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## Second Sunday after Epiphany

ELW SETTING FOUR



9:00 am

January 14, 2024

### PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

#### Greeting & Passing of the Peace

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

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **C: Amen.**

P: God, our rock and refuge, **C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon... You are God's beloved. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn      'Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult' vs. 1, 3, 5      #696

**1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me":**

**3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.**

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895. Music: William H. Jude. 1851-1922.

Greeting

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**1 This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**2 Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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Prayer of the Day: P: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, **C: most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **WORD**

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

OT pg. 192

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

ELW Psalm 139

L: <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.

**C: <sup>2</sup> You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

L: <sup>3</sup> You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

L: <sup>5</sup> You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

L: <sup>13</sup> For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**C: <sup>14</sup> I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

L: <sup>15</sup> My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**C: <sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

L: <sup>17</sup> How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

**C: <sup>18</sup> If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

Special Music *'Psalm of Devotion'* Senior Choir  
Words & Music by Joseph M. Martin

Gospel Acclamation *'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....'* pg. 151  
**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**  
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Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51 NT pg. 70-71  
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 Rev. Hans Sacrison

Hymn of the Day *'Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)'* #798

Apostle's Creed p. 105

**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: .... God of Grace, **C: Receive our prayer.**

## MEAL

### **Offering Collection and Presentation**

Offertory Hymn *'Take My Life, That I May Be'* #685

- 1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**
- 4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.**

**5. Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.**

**6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt. Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870.

Offertory Prayer

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

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. Lord God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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

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

*Distribution Hymn:*

*'Lamb of God'*

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**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, grant us peace.**

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*Distribution Hymn:*

*'O Jesus I have Promised'*

#810

**1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

2. *Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.*

3. *Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.*

4. *O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.*

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt. Music: Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693.

Distribution Hymn: 'Here I am Lord' #574

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

### **SENDING**

Blessing

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**C: We Will! Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 'Listen, God is Calling' #513

Bells

Postlude

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*Psalm 139:14. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

*In other words, "created to be..."*

**Thanks to Rev. Hans Sacrison** for leading us today in worship and Marilyn Chindvall for the children's message.

**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.

**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 December: \$23,905.11. Here is what we received: \$25,387.55. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net).



**Pastor Denise sent a nice thank you card to the congregation for the retirement gift;** it will be pinned to the bulletin board in the Narthex for you to read it.

**We must change the date for the annual meeting to** Sunday, January 28th. We'll meet in the sanctuary following the service. We'll be voting to approve the annual budget, so we need enough voting members to meet the quorum. We'll review the steps and timelines of the pastoral search and interim pastoral coverage plans. We also need to discuss/define the needs of our congregation to include as updates to our ministry site profile for pastoral candidates. We invite you to come to be a part of these conversations.

**Just a reminder we ask you to get your opportunity sheets & pledges in.** If you haven't done so, please fill them out and place them in the box in the Narthex.

**2023 Giving Statements** \$250 or higher have been sent out. If you don't receive a statement and would like one, please contact someone in the office.

**Caring Friends is meeting after church today.** If you think you might be interested in joining, come to the meeting to learn more about it.

**There are many of you that have such wonderful gifts** in our congregation and should highly consider sharing these with our youth in our Sunday School program. Sunday school teachers can influence and impact many lives with foundational teaching and grounding children in God's word. We are always looking for people to fill these roles in ANY capacity (once a month, only a certain age, etc.) so please consider and let Sara Wollschlager know if you are interested. (materials & lessons are prepped and supplied for you weekly)

**There are items in the pickup room** still needing to be picked up. If you've ever been told to pick something up and don't remember doing so, check the room.

**Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is** hosting another Creative Souls Retreat Feb. 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Please see the posted flyers for more information.

**Coffee Fellowship needs volunteers** to continue. Please contact the office or sign-up in the fellowship hall if you're willing to help to prepare & serve coffee. If no one volunteers to serve, we won't have coffee fellowship that Sunday.



**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Carol Barrett; Marcus Hanson, Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Beth Swanson; Brandi Tweeter; Clara Zeek; Linda Zielke; Monty Athey, Jessy Buth; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Janet Anderson; Ricky Anderson; Arvilla Bergseth; Adeline Burgess; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict, especially Alexander Johnson (Ev Johnson's grandson). If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.



**REMINDER:** Calendar and other important information is on our website, [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) & our bulletin boards. The church office number is (320) 839-2527.

**This Week's Ministry Assistants—January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Marilee Haukos & Brianna Jones **Acolytes:** Liam & Mikaela  
**Lay Assistants:** Kirsten Karels & Lori Larson **FWV:** Barb Wiese & Liv Wollschlager  
**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson **Organist:** Carol Ydstie  
**Ushers:** Glenn Henningson, Ron Athey, Art Vollmer, and Larry Dahle

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants—January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Greeters:** Jim Foster & Bennette Karels **Acolytes:** Jaclyn & Tino  
**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson **Organist:** Lisa Berdan  
**Ushers:** Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Scott Schneider, & Dick Strei  
**Coffee Servers:** Stattelmann Family

# Weekly Calendar

## Sun – 1/14

9:00 am Worship (w/Rev. Hans Sacrison) – Communion –  
Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live  
10:00 am Caring Friends Meeting, & Sunday School  
10:15 am WAM meeting  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)



## Mon – 1/15

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00 pm Council Meeting



## Tues – 1/16

8:30 am Day of Love  
4:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

## Wed – 1/17

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
4:30 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> grade)  
5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12<sup>th</sup> grade) & Channel 3 broadcast.  
7:00 pm Senior Choir

## Fri – 1/19

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

## Sun – 1/21

9:00 am Contemporary Worship (w/Brent Zahrbock)  
– KDIO & FB Live Broadcast  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School