



# First English Lutheran Church

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## Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

ELW SETTING FOUR



9:00 am

January 28, 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      'O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come'      #610

Greeting      pg. 147

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.**

Hymn of Praise      'Glory to God'      pg. 148

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Compassionate God, **C: you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

OT pg. 136

Psalms 111

ELW Psalm 111

L: <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

**C: <sup>4</sup> You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

L: <sup>5</sup> You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

**C: <sup>6</sup> You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

L: <sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

**C: <sup>8</sup> They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

L: <sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

**C: <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

NT pg. 131

Children's Message

Kristi Ehrenberg

Noisy Offering

Special Music

*'Miracle Worker'*

Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation

*'Alleluia. Lord to whom.....'*

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

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Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

NT pg. 27

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

Brent Zahrbock

Hymn of the Day 'Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing' #886

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.
3. The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
4. He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
5. Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
6. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

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 'There is a Balm in Gilead' #614

(Refrain): **There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

1. *Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)*
2. *If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)*

### **3. Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)**

Text based on Jeremiah 8:22. Text & Music: African American spiritual.

#### Pledge Dedication

L: Almighty and Everlasting God...anticipation and hope.

**C: Hear us, O God, as we give You thanks and praise.**

L: For those whose lives... have increased their commitment,

**C: We give You thanks and praise.**

L: For those who are responding...for the first time,

**C: We give You thanks and praise.**

L: For those who are tithing, and even exceeding a tithe,

**C: We give You thanks and praise.**

L: For those whose lives...of our community,

**C: We give You thanks and praise and we pray for calm in their lives.**

L: For committee workers who....for Your Church,

**C: We give You thanks and praise.**

L: That each one of us, and Your whole Church....service in Jesus Christ,

**C: We ask Your continuing guidance and care.**

L: That these pledges may emerge as real gifts...and the Larger Church,

**C: In the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to this action. Amen & Amen.**

#### 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.**

#### **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

'Jesus Shall Reign'

#434

**1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

**4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

**5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793.

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 Brent Zahrbock** for leading us today in worship & Kristi Ehrenberg for giving 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).



**May the God of all consolation be with the family of Linda Zielike on her passing.** Her funeral was held here on Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Birthday wishes go out to** Clara Zeek whose birthday is Thurs, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The annual meeting is today.** We'll meet in the sanctuary following our 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.

**Today is Dedication Sunday.** If you haven't, please fill out one of the blank opportunity sheets in the Narthex and place it in the box where the pledges have been collected.

**Thank you to everyone who had directory photos taken** at FELC or submitted a picture for our new online directory! We plan to order printed copies of the new directory soon for congregational members. Please submit your photo and information before February 1<sup>st</sup> because we want you included! Thanks again for your participation! The FELC Evangelism Committee

**Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>.** We're looking for volunteers for greeters. If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter, let Barbara in the office know. Thanks!


**Super Bowl Subs are on sale by the Youth Group.** If you or someone you know would like to order subs for pickup on February 11<sup>th</sup>, you can pick up a form, fill it out, and return it with your payment to someone in the office. Forms can be found at the sanctuary entrances and on our Facebook page.

**The youth traveling to the ELCA National Youth Gathering** in New Orleans this summer will be holding an online basket auction the week before Valentines Day. We would appreciate any donations of a basket or a basket item by January 31. Thank you for helping make this trip a reality for the youth of our congregation. Please contact Archer Dorry at [archerhdorry@gmail.com](mailto:archerhdorry@gmail.com)

**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.

**There are items in the pickup room** still needing to be picked up, many of which are food storage containers & trays. Please look in the room to see if anything is yours.

**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; Monty Athey, Jessy Buth; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; McCoy Jipson; 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 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Tino Cochron and Connie & Carol Newman      **Lector:** Sara Mattison  
**Organist:** Marilyn Hanson      **Acolytes:** Bryson & Bennette  
**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson  
**Coffee Servers:** Kari Dorry & Michelle Bauer  
**Ushers:** Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants—February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** James Hodenfield & Darin Ehrenberg      **Organist:** Kathy Haukos

**Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson **Acolytes:** Ashton & Madilyn  
**Coffee Servers: NEED VOLUNTEERS** **FWV:** Marilyn Chindvall & Miley Block  
**Lay Assistants:** Ranet Schmeichel & Liz Ketz  
**Ushers:** Brent Zahrbock, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Marilyn Chindvall

### Weekly Calendar

#### **Sun – 1/28**

9:00 am Worship (w/Brent Zahrbock) – Noisy Offering – Pledge  
Dedication – KDIO & FB Live Broadcast  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School  
10:30 am Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
(and Pastoral Search Steps & Timeline Review)

#### **Tues – 1/30**

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

#### **Wed – 1/31**

##### **EARLY OUT – NO YOUTH GROUP**

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
1:45 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
2:45 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> grade)  
5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast.  
7:00 pm Senior Choir

#### **Fri – 2/2**

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

#### **Sun – 2/4**

9:00 am Worship (w/Rev. Hans Sacrison) – Communion –  
KDIO & FB Live Broadcast  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School  
10-10:45 am Board of Christian Education Meeting  
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded)