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February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent
CONTEMPORARY

9:00 am

PREPARATION

Prelude *'Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me'* ACS #1087

'What Does the Lord Require of You?' ACS #1057

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Litany:

P: We are created to be in relationship with one another.

C: We are created to be brave, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.

We are created to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.

We are created to be free, to be transformed by the gospel.

We are created to be an advocate to work for justice for all our siblings.

We are created to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

We are created to be.

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism....a well-watered garden.

C: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

P: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

P: We praise you...for all water everywhere.

C: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

P: To you be given honor and....Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Song 'God Welcomes All' (sung 3 times) ACS #978

Prayer of the Day: P: Holy God, **C: 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.**

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

OT pg. 6

Psalms 25:1-10

ELW Psalm 25

L: ¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

L: ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: ⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

L: ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: ⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

L: ⁷ Remember 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.

C: ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

L: ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

C: ¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

NT pg. 183-184

Children's Message

Barb Wiese

Special Music 'How Deep the Father's Love For Us' Senior Choir

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15 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 Barb Wiese

Sermon Song 'Make Me an Instrument' DRM #152

Affirmation of Faith

C: Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke, and the world came into being. The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness, matter from nothing, flesh from dust, life from lifelessness. In the quiet of a small town in Palestine the Word of God came to us.

Even though of one being with the Creator, Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born, lived and walked among us, speaking the words of life. He was crucified, died, and was buried.

He rose from the dead and speaks to us today. He is the one who saves us from ourselves. In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, whispers the Word, and calls us back to the Creator, back to the Christ, back to the wholeness of everlasting life in the unity of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

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Prayers for the People of God

Song 'There is a Longing in Our Hearts' ACS #1078

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'Giver of the Heartbeat' DRM pg. 186

Offertory Prayer

P: Abiding God, under the cover of... Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: We Will! Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

'Give Me a BE-attitude'

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.*

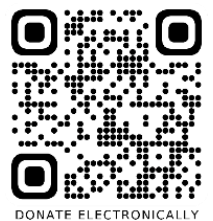
In other words, "created to be..."

Thanks to Barb Wiese for leading us today in worship.

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 Rob & Kathy Randall in thanksgiving for 46 years of marriage and especially our children and grandchildren, including our newest, Liam Avery Tenny, born Dec. 30th. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

OFFERING UPDATE: Here are the expenses for January: \$22,240.42. Here is what we received: \$16,825.28. We deficit spent \$5,415.14. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at www.firstenglish.net or scan the QR Code from the offering cards or bulletins.




DONATE ELECTRONICALLY

Happy Birthday wishes go out to James Heinecke whose birthday is today. **We will be having a Lenten Supper this Wednesday evening** with hot dogs, beans, chips, and floats at 5:30 pm. We hope you will stop in for a meal with us before our 6:15 pm Lenten Church service with Colleen Natalie. Our confirmation students will be helping to prepare the meal for us.

First Communion classes will start next Sunday right after our worship service.

First English was able to give \$1,460 to the Food Shelf this past week. We received \$435 from the Souper Bowl of Caring and \$1,025 from other Food Shelf donations. Thank you to everyone who donated to the food shelf last week!

“Respite Friends” training will be held on 2 different days the end of February in Ortonville. Tracy Keebler will share 2 sessions- 2 hours each-on 2 different days- to learn skills to give caregivers a much-needed break and provide people living with dementia the support and compassion needed. Dates are February 27 at the Ortonville Library Basement from 1-3 pm, refreshments, and then 3:30-5:30 and on February 28 at Orpheus Theater, Fairway View Senior Community from 9:30-11:30, light lunch, and then 12-2 pm. Register soon as space is limited: call 320-500-2775 or 320-273-2176. There is no cost to attend. This is a great opportunity for our Caring Friends participants or anyone else that is interested.

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; Keith Giese; 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. 

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.

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

This Week's Ministry Assistants—Sun. February 18th

Greeters: Garry & Ethel Swenson

Acolytes: Ava & Chase

Coffee Servers: Schmeichel Family & Dale Price

Lector: Chris Petersen

Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Ushers: Russel Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman

This Week's Ministry Assistants—Wed. February 21st

Acolytes: Brandon **FWV:** Kim Anderson & Paula Reisdorph
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson **Organist:** Lisa Berdan
Ushers: Russel Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman

Next Week's Ministry Assistants— Sun. February 25th

Greeters: Brandon Kaye & Alan Hodenfield **Acolytes:** Meadow & Justice
Coffee Servers: Henningsons & Carlson **Lector:** Jim Foster
Tech Desk: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson **Organist:** Marilyn Hanson
Ushers: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan

Next Week's Ministry Assistants— Wed. February 28th

Acolytes: Owen **Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson
Ushers: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan
Organist: Kathy Haukos

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 2/18

9:00 am Worship (w/Barb Wiese)–Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship (**No Sunday School**)

Mon – 2/19 President's Day

Tues – 1/20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Wed – 2/21

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast
1:30 pm Lenten Service at Fairway View
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8th grade) **Confirmation students will be helping to prepare the Lenten Supper when not in class.*
4:30 pm Confirmation (9th grade)
5:30 pm Lenten Supper & Channel 3 broadcast
6:15 pm Lenten Church Service (with Colleen Natalie)
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 2/23

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 2/25

9:00 am Worship (with Carmen Zupfer) – Noisy Offering
– Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship, 1st Communion Classes & Sunday School
10:15 am WAM meeting