



February 25, 2024

First English Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday in Lent

ELW SETTING FOUR



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, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **C: Amen.**

P: Holy God, **C: 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.**

P: Here is a flood of grace... promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

'The Glory of These Forty Days'

#320

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.**

Kyrie (spoken)

p. 138

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of the Day *'God Loved the World' vs. 1-2* #323

1. God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.

2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

Text: Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt. Music: Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, **C: by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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 17:1-7, 15-16

OT pg. 10

Psalm 22:23-31

ELW Psalm 22

L: ²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

C: ²⁴ For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

L: ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C: ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

L: ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

L: ²⁹ Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

C: ³⁰ Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

L: ³¹ They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

NT pg. 118

Children's Message

Marge Dragseth

Noisy Offering

Special Music

'Unexpected Places'

Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation

'Return to the Lord...'

pg. 142

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: Mark 8:31-38

NT pg. 34

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

Carmen Zupfer

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.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn

'Oh Love, How Deep' vs. 1-4

#322

Offertory Prayer **C: Amen**

Prayers for the People of God

P: ...Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

Lord's Prayer

pg. 154

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: 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. You are God's beloved.

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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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 Carmen Zupfer for leading us in worship today and Marge Dragseth for doing our 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 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.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Larry Dahle whose birthday is tomorrow and Marcy Stotesbery whose birthday is this Friday.

We will be having a Lenten Supper this Wednesday evening with chili, chicken noodle soup, and bars 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.

There will not be a mid-week Lenten service at Fairway View this week because the room is booked. We will return to having our 1:30 pm mid-week Lenten services at Fairway View on March 6th.

Beckett Foster was removed from the prayer list this week. He has had clear scans and is getting back to normal. Thank you all for your prayers for him.

“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.

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; Keith Giese; Marcus Hanson, Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Beth Swanson; Brandi Tweeter; Clara Zeek; Monty Athey, Jessy Buth; Paul Erdman; 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 & our bulletin boards. The church office number is (320) 839-2527.

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

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

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

Acolytes: Archer **Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson
Ushers: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan
Organist: Carol Ydstie

Next Week's Ministry Assistants— Sun. March 3rd

Greeters: Nash Kindelberger & Chelsie Haukos **Acolytes:** Owen & Archer
Coffee Servers: Fosters **Lector:** Brent Zahrbock
Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson **Organist:** Carol Ydstie
Ushers: Ev Johnson, Gale May, Ron Athey, and Art Vollmer
Lay Assistants: Liz Ketz & Marilee Haukos **FWV:** Tami Lundberg

Next Week's Ministry Assistants— Wed. March 6th

Acolytes: Archer **Tech Desk:** Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Ushers: Ev Johnson, Gale May, Ron Athey, and Art Vollmer **FWV: TBD**
Organist: Carol Ydstie

Weekly Calendar

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

Tues – 2/27

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

Wed – 2/28

- 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast
- 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 – 3/1

- 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 3/3

- 9:00 am Worship (with Pr. Marlene Elmstrom) – Communion –
New Member Sunday – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship, 1st Communion Classes, Sunday School
and Board of Christian Education Meeting
- 10:30 am Fairway View – Pre-recorded