



First English Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

ELW SETTING FOUR



March 10, 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, 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... of life through † Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *'Give to Our God Immortal Praise!'* #848

1. Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.

Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

2. God sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave. Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

3. Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown. His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

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

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.**

Kyrie (spoken)

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C: ¹⁹ Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.

L: ²⁰ You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

C: ²¹ Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

L: ²² Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

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Children's Message

Reverend Melissa Gall

Special Music

'And We Remember Him'

Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation

'Return to the Lord...'

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Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

NT pg. 71-72

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

Reverend Melissa Gall

Nicene Creed

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C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer **C: 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. Share your bread.

C: We Will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

'Lift High the Cross'

#660

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.

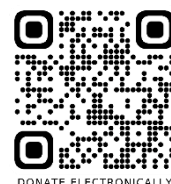
In other words, "created to be..."

Thanks to Reverend Melissa Gall 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 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 February:  \$16,275.52. Here is what we received: \$21,459.16. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at www.firstenglish.net or scan the QR Code from the



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offering cards or bulletins.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Haris Selvig whose birthday is Wednesday.

We will be having a Lenten Supper this Wednesday evening with fix-your-own tacos, chips, 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. Please contact someone in the office if you are willing to help make bars for this meal.

Last week we welcomed our new members, Jason and Kandra Kellen and their children Baylor and Laklyn.

There are generic pink giving envelopes available in the Narthex if you would like to designate funds for a special purpose, but you haven't ordered a box of giving envelopes.

Please join us for an open house bridal shower honoring Natalie Strei, bride to be of Josh Haken. The shower will be held at FELC on Saturday, March 30 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The couple is registered at Target, Menards, and Amazon. All are welcome.

Floral Donations for the Easter Garden for Easter Sunday should be delivered into the church during Holy Week (Monday, March 25th – Good Friday, March 29th). Please let the office know who your gift is in memory of or in honor of so that this may be noted in the Easter bulletin.

Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection will be meeting on Tuesday, March 19th at 5:30 pm at Tabor Methodist Church in Big Stone City, SD. Speaker will be Heidi Elder of Dent, MN - "Let's Go on a Treasure Hunt: Discovering What Really Matters." Special feature will be Heidi Elder with Essential Oils. Special music will be provided by Jim Wagar, a soloist with guitar accompaniment. The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Carol Rabe at 605-862-8570 or just be a walk-in. Free nursery by reservation.

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.



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.

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, & Roger Nornes. 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—March 10th

Greeters: TBD **Acolytes:** Miley & James
Coffee Servers: Amanda Stattelmann & Lila Salls
FWV: Marla Strei & Jane Debner **Organist:** Amy Adelman
Tech Desk: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson
Ushers: Glenn Henningson, Jon & Kim Anderson, & Larry Dahle
Lay Assistants: Kristi Ehrenberg & Marla Strei **Lector:** Darin Ehrenberg

This Week's Ministry Assistants—March 13th

Acolytes: Mikaela **Organist:** Amy Adelman
Tech Desk: Marina Thomson **FWV:** Kim Anderson & Lila Salls
Ushers: Glenn Henningson, Jon & Kim Anderson, & Larry Dahle

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—March 17th

Greeters: Sandy & Tom Rice **Acolytes:** Amelia & Lola
Coffee Servers: Clara Zeek & Ehrenbergs **Organist:** Lisa Berdan
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson **Lector:** Kelsey Kaye
Ushers: Dean Longnecker, Dick Strei, Josh Wollschlager, & Rodney Torgerson

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—March 20th

Acolytes: Eliot **FWV:** Paula Reisdorph & Eryls Sis
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson **Organist:** Lisa Berdan
Ushers: Dean Longnecker, Dick Strei, Josh Wollschlager, & Rodney Torgerson

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 3/10

- 9:00 am Worship (w/Reverend Melissa Gall) – Communion – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship, Sunday School, & First Communion Class
- 10:30 am Fairway View Worship (pre-recorded)

Tues – 3/12

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

Wed – 3/13

- 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 Worship Service with Colleen Natalie
- 7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 3/15

- 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 3/17 Saint Patrick's Day

- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship (w/Brent Zahrbock) – Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship, Sunday School, & First Communion Class

