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**March 17, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**CONTEMPORARY**

**9:00 am**

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## **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: O God, **C: with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

OT pg. 570

Psalms 51:1-12

ELW Psalm 51

L: <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

L: <sup>3</sup> For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**C: <sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**C: <sup>6</sup> Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

L: <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**C: <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

L: <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**C: <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C: <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

NT pg. 172

Children's Message

Brent Zahrbock

Special Music

'Jesus, You're My Place'

Senior Choir

Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33

NT pg. 81-82

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Dramatic Reading

'Thief's Father Monolog'

Brent Zahrbock

Created by Arden W. Mead

with Archer Dorry

*'The Old Rugged Cross' vs. 1*

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

Hymn of the Day

*'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 Brent Zahrbock** 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.

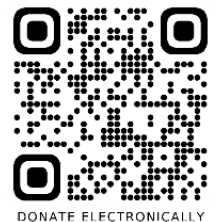
**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by your gifts to the Endowment Fund. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**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](http://www.firstenglish.net) or scan the QR Code from the

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 lasagna, garlic toast, and chocolates 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.

**Brian and I would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers** on our kidney transplant journey. Brian wasn't a typical transplant patient. After the transplant he ended up with C-Diff, followed by CMV (a form of mono), critically low white blood cells leading to a stay at the hospital and his first ambulance ride, followed by an uncommon stomach bug that caused severe dehydration. Through all these challenges we still feel blessed that the kidney is working. Thank you for all the prayers, they were very much appreciated. And a challenge to all is: "Become someone's Super Hero and be a donor. Colleen & Brian Pribyl

**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 25<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>). Please let the office know by Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> who your gift is in memory of or in honor of so that this may be noted in the Easter bulletin and newsletter.

**We need volunteers for the Holy Days.** Please contact Barbara in the office if you're willing to help with our special services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter).

**Thank you to the Day of Love, Altar Guild, and others** for the cards and nice thoughts and prayers for me. -Clara Zeek

**CONGRATULATIONS to Archer Dorry** on being elected to the LYO for the SW Minnesota Synod. This youth group will help with the planning of upcoming Jr & Sr High Gatherings. We are proud to have him representing our congregation!!!!

**We are so blessed that our youth**, Archer Dorry, Ashton Sletten, and Kirby Olson, got a chance to attend the Senior High Youth gathering with our High School Youth Leader, Kaitlyn Burdorf. They all came home revived and excited to share the love of God.

**Volunteers needed for Just for the Love of It community dinner** on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:30 pm. Sign up sheets in the narthex for bars, set up, clean up & servers. Thank you!

**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 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; Monty Athey, Jessy Buth; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; McCoy Jipson; 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.



**This Week's Ministry Assistants—Sun. March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Greeters:** Sandy & Tom Rice

**Coffee Servers:** Clara Zeek & Ehrenberg Family

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

**Ushers:** Dean Longnecker, Dick Strei,  
Josh Wollschlager, & Rodney Torgerson

**Acolytes:** Amelia & Lola

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan

**Lector:** Kelsey Kaye

**This Week's Ministry Assistants— Wed. March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**FWV:** Paula Reisdorph & Eryls Sis

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

**Ushers:** Dean Longnecker, Dick Strei,  
Josh Wollschlager, & Rodney Torgerson

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan

**Acolytes:** Eliot

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants— Sun. March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

**Greeters:** Jon & Kim Anderson

**Coffee Servers:** **NEED VOLUNTEERS**

**Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

**Ushers:** Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine

**Acolytes:** Ashton & Madilyn

**Lector:** Terry Kalberg

**Organist:** Amy Adelman

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants— Maundy Thurs. March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Acolytes:** Bryson & Bennett

**Lector:** Archer Dorry

**Lay Assistants:** Marilyn Chindvall & **2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Ushers:** **NEED 4 VOLUNTEERS**

**Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

**Organist:** Marilyn Hanson

**FWV:** TBD

**Next Week's Ministry Assistants— Good Friday. March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Acolytes:** Jaclyn & Cameron

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

**Ushers:** **NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS**

**Organist:** Carol Ydstie

# Weekly Calendar

## 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



## Tues – 3/19

8:30 am Day of Love

4:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

## Wed – 3/20

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

1:30 pm Lenten Service at Fairway View

3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8<sup>th</sup> grade) \* *Confirmation students will be helping to  
prepare the Lenten Supper when not in class.*

4:30 pm Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> grade)

5:30 pm Lenten Supper & Channel 3 broadcast

6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service with Colleen Natalie

7:00 pm Senior Choir

## Fri – 3/22

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

## Sun – 3/24 PALM SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship (w/Liz Ketz) – Noisy Offering –  
Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship, Sunday School,  
& First Communion Class

10:15 am WAM meeting

