



First English Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

ELW SETTING FOUR

9:00 am

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

'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'

#324

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

2. When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872. Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867.

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.**

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 Praise *'God Loved the World' vs. 1 & 3* #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.

3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, **C: through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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: Exodus 20:1-17

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Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

NT pg. 127

Children's Message

Pastor Marlene Elmstrom

Special Music *'If You Love Me (Keep My Commandments)'* Senior Choir

Gospel Acclamation

'Return to the Lord...'

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Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22

NT pg. 71

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

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

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.

Welcome New Members

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

A representative of the congregation or the presiding minister may introduce each new member or household.

R: (Name/s have come to our congregation from name of congregation in location)

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

The minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

R: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

MEAL

Offering Collection and Presentation

Offertory Hymn 'Canticle of the Turning' #723

Offertory Prayer **C: Amen.**

Prayers for the People of God

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

SHARING THE MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving (spoken) pg. 152

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

'Holy, Holy, Holy' pg. 153

Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion

Distribution Hymn:	'Lamb of God'	pg. 154
Distribution Hymn	'How Great Thou Art'	#856
Distribution Hymn:	'Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus'	#802

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 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' #803

**1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my
God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his
blood.**

**3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a
crown?**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too
small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

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 Pastor Marlene Elmstrom 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



offering cards or bulletins.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Aletta Simonitch whose birthday is Tuesday.

Our Fairway View Lenten Services will be held at 3:00 pm this Wednesday, March 6th. Next week they will return to being held at 1:30 pm.

We will be having a Lenten Supper this Wednesday evening with meat loaf, sour cream potatoes, and ice cream 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.

Confirmation Students are expected to come to the Lenten services even though there's early out & no confirmation classes this week.

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Natalie Strei. This shower will be held in the basement of First English Church on Saturday, March 30 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Bride-to-be has gift registries at Target, Menards and Amazon. All are welcome.

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.



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. March 3rd

Greeters: Nash Kindelberger & Chelsie Haukos **Acolytes:** Archer & Owen
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 & Brent Zahrbock

This 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
Organist: Carol Ydstie **FWV:** Glenda Reiffenberger & Kim Anderson

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—March 10th

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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—March 13th

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

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 3/3

9:00 am Worship (with Pr. Marlene Elmstrom) – Communion –
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

Mon – 3/4

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Tues – 3/5

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

Wed – 3/6 EARLY OUT – No confirmation or Youth Group

9:00 am Circle Four Bible Study in church lounge
9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast
3:00 pm Lenten Service at Fairway View
5:30 pm Lenten Supper & Channel 3 broadcast
6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service with Colleen Natalie
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 3/8

9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sat – 3/9

Set Clocks Ahead for Daylight Saving Time



Sun – 3/10

9:00 am Worship (w/Deacon 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)