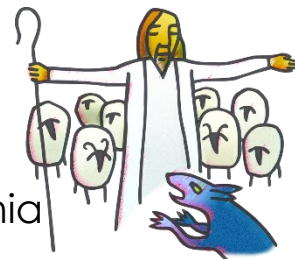




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April 21, 2024

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: O Lord Christ, **C: good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

NT pg. 92

Psalm 23

ELW Psalm 23

L: ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: ³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

NT pg. 188

Children's Message

Amanda Stattelman

Special Music

'Psalm 23: A Psalm of Hope'

Senior Choir

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

NT pg. 79

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

Jayme Winter

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: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C: Amen.**

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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 Jayme Winter leading us today in worship and thanks to Amanda Stattelmann for giving the 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 Eryls Sis in memory of Virgil Sis on what would have been his 83rd birthday, April 20th. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

OFFERING UPDATE: Here are the expenses for March: \$17,701.27. Here is



what we received: \$18,654.80. 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

We are tentatively planning on starting up Bible Study at Fairway View again this week. We will know more on Monday if Fairway View is willing to have activities again. Please watch our Facebook page for more up-to-date information.

A Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Ortonville Ambulance Relief Association is going on today, April 21st, from 8 am to 1:00 pm at the Ortonville Ambulance Garage. The menu consists of pancakes and sausage (served with butter/syrup packs) and a choice of apple or orange juice, with a free will donation. They're doing a "Drive Thru only" service for pickup. The address is 232 1st Street NW.

The Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser for It Only Takes a Spark Cancer Walk will be April 27th, 8:30-11:30 am at the Big Stone Community Center. See the posted flyers for more information.

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 Carol Barrett; Keith Giese; Marcus Hanson, Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Beth Swanson; Brandi Tweeter; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman; 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; & 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.

DAY OF LOVE MN TWINS QUILT

If you would like a chance to win a Minnesota Twins Quilt from the Day of Love quilters, you can help by donating to support their ongoing work.

You can make a donation and put your name **in the receptacle located in the church narthex**. Please don't put it in the general offering.

The drawing will be held on April 30th. Your donation will help with the ongoing expenses that are incurred doing mission projects. We thank each of you for your support.

In 2023 the ladies completed approximately 196 quilts for the following:

Quilts/Hospital- Baby & Swing Bed	Dignity Quilts for Nursing Home
Mission Quilts	Someplace Safe
Green Lake Auction	Veteran Quilts - Montevideo Veterans Home
Graduation Quilts	Christmas Quilts - residents at Nursing Home
Baptism Quilts	Project Christmas
Cancer Quilts	Misc quilts made for others in need
Quilts donated to Ukraine	Deployed National Guards
(Mark Lindquist)	Big Stone Co Cancer Group/Auction

Not only did they complete the above listing of quilts, approximately 1,054 cards were created and sent.

Make a donation and you *could* be the winner!!! We appreciate you!!!

This Week's Ministry Assistants—April 21st

Organist: Lisa Berdan

Acolytes: Brandon & Nash

Greeter: Liz Ketz

Lector: Ellie Helgeson

Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

Coffee Servers: Terry Block, David & Debbie Ellingson

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

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—April 28th

Organist: Carol Ydstie

Acolytes: Mason & Brianna

Greeter: Nancy Nolop & Ev Johnson

Lector: Jon Ydstie

Tech Desk: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

Coffee Servers: Jack & Mary Weber

Ushers: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 4/21 9:00 am Contemporary Worship (w/Jayme Winter) –
Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School
10:15 am Mentor-Mentee Meeting
10:15 am WAM meeting

Tues – 4/23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
8:30 am Day of Love
4:00 pm (Tentatively) Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)

Wed – 4/24 Administrative Assistants Day
9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast
5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & Channel 3 broadcast
7:00 pm Senior Choir



Fri – 4/26 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 4/28 9:00 am Worship (w/Jayme Winter) – Noisy Offering –
Broadcast on KDIO & Facebook Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Last Day of Sunday School
(singing at Fairway View)