

WORD

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

OT pg. 692

Psalm 84

ELW Psalm 84

L: ¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

C: ² My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

L: ³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

C: ⁴ Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

L: ⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

C: ⁶ Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

L: ⁷ They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

C: ⁸ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

L: ⁹ Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

C: ¹⁰ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L: ¹¹ For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory; no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

C: ¹² O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

Special Music

'Lord, Our Dwelling Place'

Senior Choir

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

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Children's Message

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

NT pg. 45

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

Pastor Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

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

Invitation to Communion

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Distribution Hymn: 'Lamb of God' pg. 135

Distribution Hymn: 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence' #490

Distribution Hymn: 'Come, Let us Eat' #491

Eucharistic Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

P: Nourishing God, at this table...in the name of Christ we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Commission & Benediction: Luke 2: 29-32

P: Depart now in peace, for your eyes...the presence of God's Messiah.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Temple Talk (*Just For the Love Of It*)

Marge Dragseth

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 'Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing' #545

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

3. Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way, let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt. Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

Bells, Postlude

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1 Corinthians 13:13 (MSG) But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

Pastor Cheryl's Hours: Mondays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 4 pm), Tuesdays (Zion Lutheran 10 am to 4 pm), Wednesdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am to 3:30 (and then teaching confirmation classes), & Thursdays (FELC Pastor Office 10 am – 4 pm (unless up at FWV/or visiting members) or by appointment. Contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email at CMQRondeau@outlook.com.

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 Rita Verheul in honor of her grandson Boden's 14th birthday. [2025 Radio broadcast cards are available in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

February's pink envelope emphasis is for Service Trip Scholarships. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in a basket in the Narthex.

May the God of all consolation be with Jyla Dahle and family on the death of Larry Dahle last week. Memorial services will be held in late March.

Richard 'Dick' Verheul's memorial service will be here, June 21st at 11 am.

2024 Giving Statements \$250 or higher have been sent out. If you don't receive a statement and would like one, please contact someone in the office.

Super Bowl Subs are on sale by the Youth Group. If you or someone you know would like to order subs for pickup on February 9th, you can pick up a form, fill it out, and return it by tomorrow, Feb. 3rd with your payment to someone in the office. Forms can be found at the sanctuary entrances and on our FB page.

Superbowl of Caring will be Sunday, February 9th. Youth will be at both exits with a kettle for your donations. All proceeds will be given to the Big Stone Emergency Food Shelf, so bring your money to help those in need.

FELC & Zion members and community residents are invited to join us for a communal meal at First English Lutheran Church on February 12th. The Just For the Love of It meal will start at 5:00 pm and go to 6:30 pm. The meal will be Roast Beef Commercial, potatoes, and corn. Cost: FREE.

We are always looking for people to help with our Sunday School teaching in ANY capacity (twice a month, only a certain age groups, etc.) so PLEASE consider and let Sara Wollschlager know if you are interested. (Materials & lessons are prepped and supplied for you weekly.)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT Jane Debner, Ruth Hansen, JoAnn Hasslen, 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: Ricky Anderson, Arvilla Bergseth, Adeline Burgess, Jim Hipple, Vivian Janssen, Roger Nornes; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. 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—Feb. 2nd

Organist: Carol Ydstie **Coffee Servers:** Paula Reisdorph & Lila Salls
Tech Desk: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson **Lector:** Brent Zahrbock
Greeters: Eldon Knutson & Dawson **Acolytes:** Hannah & Archer
Lay Assistants: Jim Foster & Jim Schmeichel
FWV: Marge Dragseth & Brent Zahrbock
Ushers: Gale May, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson

Next Week's Ministry Assistants—Feb. 9th

Organist: Amy Adelman **Coffee Servers:** Paula Reisdorph & Marla Strei
Tech Desk: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson **Lector:** Darin Ehrenberg
Greeters: Cody Backstrand & Jordan **FWV:** Brent Zahrbock
Ushers: Darin Ehrenberg, Eldon Knutson, Ellie & Harley Helgeson
Acolytes: Bryson & Bennett

Weekly Calendar

Sun – 2/2 9:00 am Worship – Communion
– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded)



Mon – 2/3 YOUTH SUB FUNDRAISER MONEY DUE
11:00 am Staff Meeting

Tues – 2/4 8:30 am Day of Love
4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

Wed – 2/5 EARLY OUT – NO YOUTH GROUP
9:00 am Circle 4 (in church lounge)
9:30 am Channel 3 Broadcast
1:45 pm Confirmation (7-8th graders)
2:45 pm Confirmation (9th graders)
4:45 pm FELC-Zion Partnership Meeting (at FELC)
5:30 pm Channel 3 Broadcast
7:00 pm Senior Choir

Fri – 2/7 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

Sun – 2/9 SUPERBOWL OF CARING
9:00 am Worship – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live
10:00 am Council Mtgs, Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School
10:30 am (or TBD) – Council Voting Meeting
10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded)

