



**Sunday, March 10, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**8:00am Worship**

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**First Lutheran Church**

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***Our Mission Statement...***

First Lutheran Church is God's people inviting, involving, equipping, and empowering to serve, that all may know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

**SUNDAY, March 10- Fourth Sunday in Lent**

8:00am – Worship  
9:00am – Choir Rehearsal  
9:15am –Christian Education  
10:30am – Worship  
11:45am – Coffee Fellowship  
11:45am – Confirmation w/Calvary

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**Altar Guild**

Ruth Botbyl, Sue Snowaert

**Reader**

8:00am 10:30am  
Ellen Swenson Julie Landwehr

**Communion Assistant**

8:00am 10:30am  
Kathy Gobert Carolyn Nelson

**Usher**

8:00am 10:30am  
Kathy & Tom Gobert TBD

**Acolyte**

Ethan LaCrosse

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated this morning. *All are welcome at Christ's table. Please come forward as the ushers direct to receive communion.* Those not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. All who seek the benefits of this sacrament are invited. *We use **disposable cups of wine around the outer tray and grape juice in the center.** Gluten-free communion wafers are available. If you would like one, please let us know! **Members, please complete a communion card located in the pews and hand it to the Usher as you approach communion. You can use one card per family but list all first names. Thank you for helping us to keep accurate church records to determine active membership.** Children regardless of age are welcome to commune if their parents are comfortable. Parents may whisper "God loves you, and sent Jesus to be our Savior," as they take communion.* \*

***The First Sunday of each month communion will be by intinction.***

*Premade kits are available in the narthex for in pew communion.*

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **\*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign 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: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ.

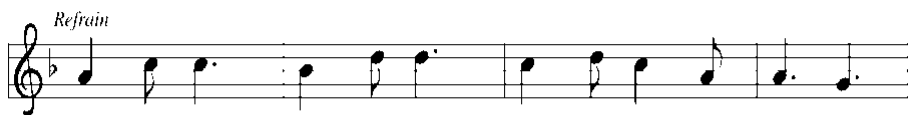
**C: Amen.**



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er.



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS. William H. Doane, 1832–1915

**\*\*GREETING**

**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.

**\*\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us Pray

**C:** O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up  
 this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death.  
 Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
 with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
 Amen.

### **FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **MESSAGE IN THE MIDDLE**

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Elisabeth Daniels

**\*\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Lift High the Cross"*

**ELW 660**



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be;



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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## **\*\* APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **\*\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P:** Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

**P:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

## **\*\*THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

### **SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC**

Paul Rajala, Organist

### **OFFERING SONG**

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

**ELW 185**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the

The third line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fourth line of musical notation concludes the offering song with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



## **\*\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray,

C: **Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

**We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## **\*\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

## **\*\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**COMMUNION SONG      “By Grace We Have Been Saved”      ACS 1006**

*Refrain*

By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,  
not be-cause of what we do; it is the gift of God.

1 On the days when you are weak, on the  
2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the  
3 You don't need to be a - fraid. You will

days when you are strong, rich or poor,  
still - ness you will find you're a love - ly,  
nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,

*Refrain*

young or old, just lis - ten to the song.  
pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.  
there is hope, and love will take you home.

Text: Jonathan Rundman, b. 1971

Music: BY GRACE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977, and Jonathan Rundman

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*Please Stand*

P : The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen**

## **\*\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray,

C: **Generous God,**

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,

now make us one loaf to feed the world;

in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. 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,

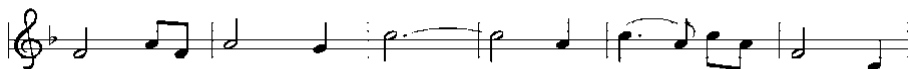
and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

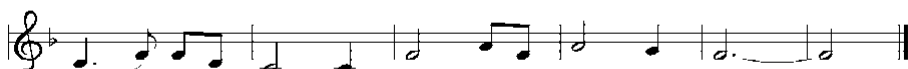
### **\*\*SENDING SONG** *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"* **ELW 779**



1 A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised, good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmonies*, 1835

## **\*\*DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Share your bread.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

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### **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday, March 11**

6:00pm – Cub Scouts

#### **Tuesday, March 12**

9:00am – Sewing

#### **Wednesday, March 13**

8:00am – Kiwanis

8:30am – All Staff Meeting

9:30am – Bible Study

6:00pm – Soup Supper

7:00pm – Lenten Worship

#### **Thursday, March 14**

1:00pm – Bulletin Folding

5:15pm – T.O.P.S

#### **Friday, March 15**

12:00pm – Tried-n-True

**NEXT SUNDAY – Sunday, March 17**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Readings will be Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12;  
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

8:00am – Worship

9:00am – Choir Rehearsal

9:15am –Christian Education

9:15am – Welcome to the Table Class

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11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WELCOME TO THE TABLE CLASS:** All those interested in receiving their first communion are invited to join this class. First graders and up are encouraged to attend. Classes are **March 3, 10, 17, and 24**. They will receive their first communion at the Maundy Thursday worship.

**MISSION ABC LENT:** A is for Almsgiving the way we share with one another. B is for Being able to Bless with Books. C is Care for the Children at Cameron Elementary School. This campaign is off to a good start. Our goal is to raise \$1,500.00 so every child at Cameron can receive their own book. So far, First has funded 80 of the 338 books needed. You can support this cause by visiting:

[https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign\\_id=76WQT87CU8WCA](https://www.paypal.com/donate?campaign_id=76WQT87CU8WCA).

Or by going to our web page at [www.firstluthern-gladstone.org](http://www.firstluthern-gladstone.org). Or scan the QR code at the end of this bulletin.

**FORTUNE LAKE:** Summer camp registration is open. Brochures and Camperships are available and located on the Fortune Lake bulletin board.

**TRIED-N-TRUE:** The Tried-N-True program for March will be held on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon. The program will be about World Hunger with Rev. Tommy Richter, NGLS World Hunger Committee Chair. Please join them for a delicious lunch, dessert, short devotion, and the

program. Sign up on the narthex bulletin board or by calling the office at 906-428-4565.

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Mission ABC Lent

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