



Sunday, March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent
10:30am Worship

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

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

Singing of the Psalms

The psalms are intended for singing, as their use in worship through the ages testifies. Their meaning can certainly be communicated when spoken or read silently; yet this ancient poetry is inherently musical. This psalm version is therefore pointed simply for singing by a cantor, choir, or assembly.

Each psalm verse is divided into two parts; the second half of the verse is indented. Each part has a point (^l) within it. This point indicates when the singer moves from the reciting note and continues with the rest of the melody. For example, the text of Psalm 22:23-24 appears,

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ^l line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- ^l spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- ^l den from them; but when they cry out, ^l the LORD hears them.**

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated this morning. *All are welcome at Christ's table. Please come forward as the ushers direct to receive communion by kneeling at the altar rail.* 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.

*ELCA Use of the Means of Grace pp 37-40



GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

****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.

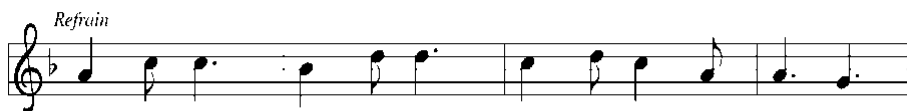
****GATHERING HYMN** *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"* **ELW 335**



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

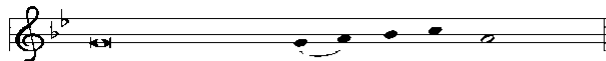
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

****GREETING**

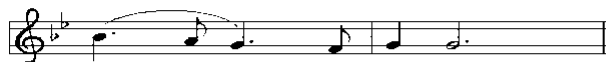
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

****KYRIE**



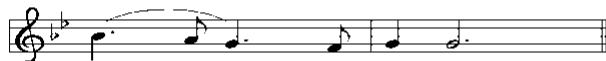
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



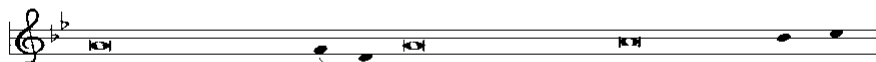
Lord, have mer - cy.



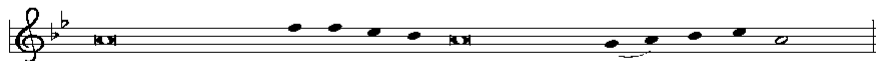
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



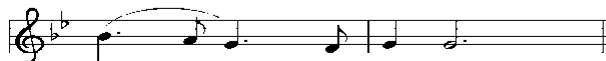
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



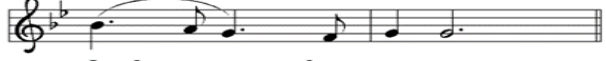
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

****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

⁴From 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. ⁵The 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." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The 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. ⁸And 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." ⁹So 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.

THE PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (intoned)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the ¹ LORD is good,
for God's mercy en- ¹dures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the ¹ LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand ¹ of the foe,**

³gathering them in ¹ from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and ¹ from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took re- ¹ bellious paths;
through their sins they ¹ were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all man- ¹ ner of food
and drew near ¹ to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried [|] to the LORD
and you delivered them from [|] their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your [|] word and healed them
and rescued them [|] from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your [|] steadfast love
and your wonderful works [|] for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices [|] of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with [|] shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in 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. ³All 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. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For 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 ACCLAMATION**



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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷“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. ¹⁸Those 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. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But 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.

MINI MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

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
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree.
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain

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. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody starting on G4, moving through A4, B4, and C5, with some chords. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single 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 from the first line. It maintains the same key and time signature, with the treble staff carrying the vocal melody and the bass staff providing accompaniment.

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

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

Text: Psalm 51:10–12

Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739, arr. Harold W. Gilbert

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****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**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

****PREFACE**

P: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

****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!



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

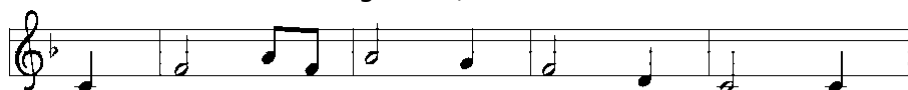
SENDING

****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.

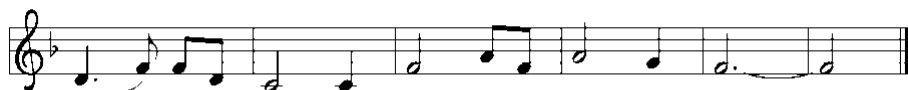
****SENDING SONG** *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"* **ELW 779**



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
have	al	-	read	-	y	'tis	grace	has	brought
word	my	hope	se	-	cures;	he	will	my	shield
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	I	first	be
safe	thus	far,	and	grace	will	lead	me	home.
por	-	tion	be	as	long	as	life	en
sing	God's	praise	than	when	we'd	first	be	-
								dured.

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

****DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Our lost and found box is FULL. Are you missing an item or know someone who is? Please check the box, located in the narthex coat closet, for any items you may be missing. All unclaimed items will be donated if not claimed by March 31st.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday, March 11

6:00pm – Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 12

9:00am – Sewing

12:00pm – Welcome & Outreach

1:00pm – Safety Committee

3:00pm – Worship & Music

Wednesday, March 13

8:00am – Kiwanis

8:30am – Office 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

Saturday, March 16

8:15am – Life Lines Screenings

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

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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.

Or by going to our web page at 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 15th 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.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Due to short hospital stays and privacy laws, we often don't know when members are hospitalized. If you or a loved one is in the hospital for a procedure or treatment, please notify the church office (428-4565) so that we may offer a prayer.

PRAYER LIST

Please be in prayer for the following people this week:

Alex	Andy	Angela	Ardie
Bill	Brad	Carol	Chad
Chris	Dan	Deann & Chris	Debbie
Di	Diane	Don	Elle
Everett	Gail	Gina	Howard
Irene	Jason	Joanne	Julie
Julie	Krista	Zack	Laurie & Norbert
Lennea	Lisa	Londyn	Lori
Mercedes	Mercedes	Nancy	Ollie
Pam & Family	Pat	Paul & Christa	Paul
Pebbles	Peggy	Robert	Ron
Roy	Sandy	Sophie	Svea
Tabitha	Ted	Vicki	Vincent
William	Kyle, Kelsey & Kaylin		

Also continue to be in prayer for those serving our country:

Jamie	Bryan	Danielle	Christopher
Jesse	Jacob	Jason	Charlie



Do you have a prayer request? Please let us know. Prayer requests are lifted up each Sunday during the "Prayers of the People." Prayer Ministry sheets are on the prayer board located by the office door. **The office will contact you quarterly to get updates on your requests.**



Mission ABC Lent

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