

# Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Pastor Hans Anderson

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

Prelude

Sunday School Children Sing

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please pass the attendance pad along the pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.)*

Opening Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (ELW 324)

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**Pastor:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Holy God,  
**People:** **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.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these words:*

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day:**

**Pastor:** Let us pray

**People:** **Holy God, 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.**



**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> Then God spoke all these words,

<sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup> But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

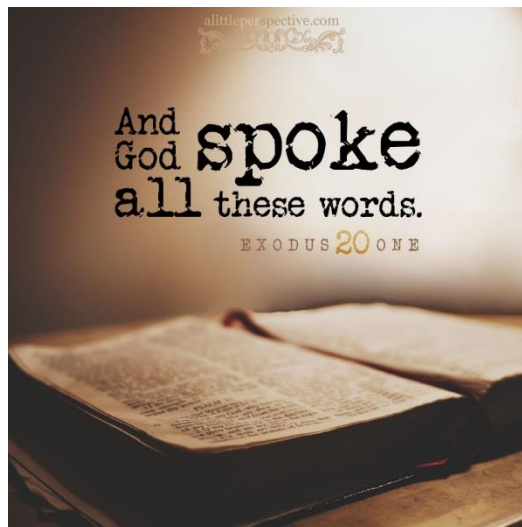
<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”



## Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.**

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup> **yet their voice goes out through all the earth  
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his  
wedding canopy,

and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup> **Its rising is from the end of the heavens  
and its circuit to the end of them,  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup> **the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;**

**sweeter also than honey**

**and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> **But who can detect one's own errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless

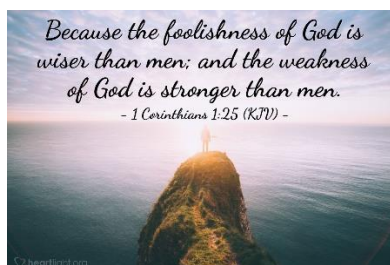
and innocent of great transgression.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 18-25

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength



## Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## \*Gospel Announcement

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

## \*Gospel: John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Children's Message

Sermon- "Temple Hearts Cleansed"

Pastor Hans Anderson

**Song of the Day: "Change My Heart, Oh God" (ELW 801)**

*Refrain*

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. *End*

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *Refrain*

**\*Statement of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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:

Pastor: 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.*

Pastor: You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, so that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

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

**People: Amen.**

## Offering



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and  
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**People: 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.**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*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;**

**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.**

**OUR FATHER,  
WHO ART IN  
heaven.**



## † Communion †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.*

*Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.*

*Gluten free wafers are available from the communion server upon request.*

*You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with mer - cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y, with mer - cy and love. bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960  
Music: Anne Krentz Organ  
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### Holy Communion Distribution

#### \*Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

People: Amen.

#### \*Post Communion Prayer

People: 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.

#### \*Blessing:

Pastor: God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

\*Sending Hymn: "Canticle of the Turning" (ELW723)



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -  
 God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -  
 won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.  
 You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the  
 weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be  
 name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

\*Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace. Share your bread.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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**Reader:** Kyann Shamp  
**Communion Assistants:** Kayci Finley, Camden Zinda, Sandy Gilbertson  
**Zoom:** Cora Hohnstadt  
**Sound:** Chuck Brasel  
**Ushers:** Paul Pearson & Vincent Norman  
**Altar Guild:** Annette Newton, Gloria Johnson & Sandy Gilbertson  
**Counter:** Brenda Anderson

Next Sunday's Readings: Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2: 1-10, John 3:14-21

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, March 3, 2024

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

Worship Service ( <i>in-person &amp; Zoom</i> )	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship,	10:00 AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM

### Wednesday, March 6, 2024

*Lenten Worship*

Soup Supper	5:30 PM
Holden Evening Prayer	6:30 PM

### Thursday, March 7, 2024

Dorcas Circle	9:00 AM
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### Sunday, March 10, 2024

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent/ Camp Sunday*

Worship Service ( <i>in-person &amp; Zoom</i> )	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship,	10:00 AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM

*If you are not able to attend the Worship Service in person, you will still be able to listen to the sermon or watch video of the service online at the First Lutheran website.*

*Links will be on First Lutheran's website and on our Facebook page by Monday morning.*

# Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Barb Richards

Lars Larson

Clifford, great grandson of Leonard and Jan Nelson

Bonnie Bandy, sister of Shirley Schmidt

Andy Anderson

Denny Aleckson

Harvey and Marion Kelley

Penny Siewert

Gordon Greenwald, friend of Cora Hohnstadt



Those in the service...

MSgt Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Captain A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024                      Attendance: 68

### Offering:

Feb. 25, 2024	\$1,747.00	Weekly Budget:	\$3,132.40
Direct Deposit:	\$ 275.00		
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 394.00		
Total Offering:	\$2,416.00		

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

Giving: \$74,424.05                      Expenses: \$60,138.09

Income less Expenses for January:

\$12,879.67 - \$10,968.45 = \$1,911.22

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-2969 or email him at [pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com)