



February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from Augustana & First Lutheran

In Person Worship (up to 50 attendees)

With worship broadcast via radio and YouTube. YouTube links found on:

www.augustanalutheran.org www.firstlutheranchurchff.org

PRELUDE

MEGHAN STRINGER

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him. (Psalm 22:23-24)

GATHERING HYMN

“God Loved the World”

ELW 323 Vs 1,2,5

God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was - made
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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GREETING

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

KYRIE

p. 184 Congregation sings the refrain

Refrain S 184

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Pause for silent reflection.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Refrain S 185

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Verse 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**

Verse 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Final Refrain Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

READING: GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am the Lord God Almighty, walk before me, and be blameless, and I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?". Here ends the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

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Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 8:31-38

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the Scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all

this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON "God, Are You Serious?" "Yes! I Am."

REV. DAVID STROM

HYMN OF THE DAY "The God of Abraham Praise"

ELW 831 Vs 1,3,4



The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.

"I Am the One I Am"— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.
Music: Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Luson, 1751–1797

YIGDAL
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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

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. Let us pray, **Your mercy is great.**

Pause for silent prayer.

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

We are God's people, the church. We come together to engage in the work for which we have been called with our hearts and minds as well as our hands and feet. Our ministry in this community has been moved into new ways of reaching out to others with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have asked you O God, for your strength to persevere in these challenging times, and You have delivered. May you energize your people to continue to give and to live generously, and we thank you for the due diligence of your people in the past. Today, we ask that you give us glad and generous hearts, so that we may praise you and support our churches and those around us in need. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen!**

OFFERTORY

"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

WORSHIP & PRAISE #41

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

COMMUNION

This is the Lord's Table, all are welcome here. In your home is an ordinary table now set apart and holy, Christ is present there. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper, wherever you may be.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, throughout the generations you have come to be present with us at our tables, turning ordinary meals into holy moments for us to experience your grace in tangible ways. In an upper room of a guest house in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The body of Christ given for you. *(all share in eating the bread)*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The blood of Christ shed for you. *(all sharing in drinking of the cup)*

Together as the body of Christ, trusting that the distance that separates us is bridged by the Holy Spirit who makes us one, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

ELW 320 Vs.1,4

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in
brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en
things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face."

Text: Latin by 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt.
Music: J. Klug, *litliche Lieder*, 1543

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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.

BLESSING

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

ELW 820 Vs 1,4

O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King,
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879
Music: Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Church phone number 739-3348 and email office@flcff.org

The flowers on the altar are given by Lynn Melchior in celebration of her engagement to Rob Baardsen.

The radio broadcast is sponsored Dennis & Esther Youngberg from Augustana Lutheran Church.

Opening in March for sponsoring radio broadcast: March 28. Please call the office if you are interested.

In-Person Worship available! Maximum number allowed at this time is 50, and no preregistration is required. Worship will continue to be combined with Augustana, and will be broadcast on the radio and YouTube.

Coming up this week:

- Monday, March 1 at 12:00 pm Executive Committee via Zoom.
- Monday, March 1 at 4:45 pm Education Committee in Narthex.
- Tuesday, March 2 at 4:00 pm Worship Committee in Narthex.
- Tuesday March 2, at 5:30 pm Discipleship Committee via Zoom.
- Wednesday, March 3-FLY K-6 watch for info.
- Wednesday, March 3- Sunday School kit pick up drive through 3:00-5:45 under the canopy. If you have not previously signed up and would like a Sunday School kit, please let Kristy know.
- Wednesday, March 3 at 5:00 pm Small Group Hosanna Handbells rehearsal.
- Wednesday, March 3 at 6:00 pm Lenten Service, in-person up to 50, also on-line. NO Zoom gathering for 7th & 8th grade Confirmands, rather Confirmands are reminded of the requirement to attend Lenten services either in-person or online.

Lenten services continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm through March 24. Our Lenten theme is "Affirming our Baptism". Holden Evening Prayer will be used. In-person worship available, limited to 50. Worship will also be live streamed to the church website. Confirmands are required to attend in person or on the live stream, and to write about the service in their Lenten Musings.

FLY 7-12 "March Into Spring" Snowman Building Contest runs through March 4. All FLY 7-12 students are asked to build a snowman, either outside with real snow, or inside with craft supplies, and submit a picture to Calie before March 5. Prizes for each category: Best Dressed, Most Spring Like, Funniest.

Drive-Thru American Legion Rib Meal (with baked potato & dinner roll), sponsored by Fellowship Committee, will be on Sunday, March 14 from 10:45 am until the food is gone. If you wish to reserve a meal, or if you would like a meal delivered, please call the church office at 739-3348. Free will donation.

Do you have 1-3 hours a week to share? The Welcome House Thrift Store Needs You! A variety of volunteer opportunities are available such as sorting, organizing, tagging, cleaning, etc. Funds raised from the store help support people in need in the community. For more information on volunteering, stop by the store at 1678 College Way (behind Fleet Farm), call 218-998-4779 or email ffwelcomehouse@gmail.com

Mutual Ministry Committee: It has been brought to our attention that folks have seen Pastor Gretchen texting on occasion during worship. We want to make you aware that during this days of online worship, people have notified Pastor Gretchen of technical issues with the broadcast and she has communicated with the audio/visual operator accordingly. She is also occasionally on call at the hospital and has been contacted by phone when there is an emergency need. In the future, Pastor will try to step out to answer these calls so that it is less distracting. Please know that if you have any concerns or suggestions, Pastor Gretchen is very open to hearing them directly and we encourage you to speak with her. We are ALL in ministry together!

OLV Walleye Fish Fry will be a Drive-Thru this year. Fridays, March 5 – March 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Order at the main door – to go orders only. \$12.00 Adults, extra fish \$3.00.

Relay for Life will be on June 11 at M State. If you are interested in joining the First Lutheran Team, please contact Sue Toso at 218 770-5156. We would love to have you on the team!

150th Anniversary of First Lutheran is next year! If you would like to be on a planning task force, please contact Pastor Gretchen.

Financial Update: As of February 22, 2021, year-to-date revenue: \$67,711, year-to-date budget \$68,012, last year: \$56,195.