

5G CONNECTED FAITH GROUPS



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The First Sunday in Lent ☩ March 6, 2022 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)*
↑ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

↑ CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

- ☐ Blessed In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.
- ☑ Amen.
Silence is kept for reflection.
- ☐ Holy One,
- ☑ **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!**
**Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**
- ☐ Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.
In ☩ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
- ☑ Amen.

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

ELW Hymn 326

- 1 **Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.**
- 2 **Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
together we are seeking the road where faith is found.**
- 3 **Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.**

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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.**

↑ **HYMN FOR LENT:** *Vieme to, Pane Bože nás*

- 1 *Leader:* O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.
All: **Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe;
upon your cross-forsaken Son our death is laid, and peace is won.**
- 2 *Leader:* O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
All: **Your arms extend, O Christ, to save from sting of death and grasp of grave;
your scars before the Father move his heart to mercy at such love.**
- 3 *Leader:* O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.
All: **O lavish Giver, come to aid the children that your word has made.
Now make us grow and help us pray; bring joy and comfort; come to stay.**

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↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☐ O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

READING: The “G” of Groups

—*New Standard Version*

- ☐ Today's Lesson is based on our Lenten Theme. Please read responsively with me—you at home, too.
- ☐ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. —*Hebrews 10:24-25*
- ☑ **For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”** —*Matthew 18:20*
- ☐ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. —*1 Thessalonians 5:11*
- ☑ **Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.** —*Proverbs 27:17*
- ☐ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. —*Romans 12:15*
- ☑ **And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.** —*Acts 2:42*
- ☐ Rather, speaking the truth in love,
- ☑ **we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.** —*Ephesians 4:15-16*
- ☐ Word of God, word of life.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us*

ELW page 103

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

↑ **GOSPEL: John 21:1-8**

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the twenty-first chapter.
- ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” ▶

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓒ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

ELW Hymn 656

- 1 **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.**
- 2 **Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**
- 3 **We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**
- 4 **From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Ⓟ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

Ⓒ **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 THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes “Merciful God,” Please respond, “receive our prayer.”

The prayers are ended with these words, “Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.” Please respond, “Amen.”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ⓟ The Lord be with you.

Ⓒ **And also 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.**

Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. ▶

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. —*ELW page 108*

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

☐ 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.
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 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.**

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.
Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.
At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:
"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

HYMNS during COMMUNION (8:30): *We Are All One in Christ, To Be Your Presence*

ELW Hymns 643,546

**1 We are all one in Christ, we are one body, all one people out of many.
We are all one in Christ, we are one body, all one people out of many.
There is one God, and only one Lord; there is one faith, one holy love.
There is one baptism; there is one Spirit, who is God the comforter.**

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**1 To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near, we will love as you do, Lord.**

**2 To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold, we will love as you do, Lord.**

**3 To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, we will love as you do, Lord.**

**4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice. We will love as you do, Lord.**

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ANTHEM during COMMUNION (11:00): *Oh, How Good It Is*

*Sanctuary Choir
Karl Dietmeyer, penny whistle*

**1. Oh, how good it is when the family of God dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love, are the fruit of his presence here among us. ►**

Refrain: *So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord. And with one heart we'll live out his Word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come, for he dwells in the presence of his people.*

2. *Oh, how good it is, on this journey we share to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace when we offer the blessing of belonging. Refrain*

3. *Oh, how good it is to embrace his command, to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one, we all share in the love of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. Refrain*

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☞ You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✠ bless you this day and always.

☞ Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW Hymn 712

1 **Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**

3 **As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

4 **Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

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↑ DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

☞ Thanks be to God.

↑ POSTLUDE

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No flowers grace the altar during the Lenten season.

