



# Season of Lent

First English Lutheran Church  
Sunday, March 19, 2023

## PRELUDE

*"Amazing Grace"*

by Donald Johns

*WELCOME*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please stand.)*

## GATHERING HYMN

*"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"*

ELW 722

## GATHERING

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

**People: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

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Leader: At the conclusion of each line, *Let us pray to the Lord...*

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**All: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Maddie Patterson

## PSALM: Psalm 23

**All: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.**

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Brian McDonald**

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, " Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand.)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL: John 9:1-41**

**Pastor Luke Hollander**

The holy gospel according to John.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated.)*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Luke Hollander**

*(Please stand.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY " Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

**ELW 789**

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**All: We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth,  
of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,  
he died alone and forsaken.**

**He descended into the earth  
to the place of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,  
and His kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,**

life-giving breath of the Church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of all resurrection and of eternal life.  
Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor Luke Hollander

At the conclusion of each prayer, "*Merciful God,*"

**People: Receive our prayer.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## MEAL

*(Please be seated.)*

## OFFERING

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"* by Stuart Townend

FELC Choir

*(Please stand.)*

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*"I Offer My Life"*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

## COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD

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### COMMUNION HYMN

*"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"* ELW 469

## COMMUNION PRAYER

## SENDING

## BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

**ELW 796**

**DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve in love.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Christ, the Life of All the Living"*

**by Unknown**

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, March 22** 10 am Staff Meeting

6 pm Lenten Pizza Supper

7 pm Lenten Worship

**Thursday, March 23** 10-am– Noon Cannon Falls Food Shelf

**Sunday, March 26** 9 am Worship

9:20– 9:40 am Sunday School

10 am Fifth Grade 1st Communion Class

