

Worship Notes continued

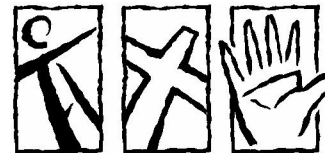
Remember to join us again for Lenten worship each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Area pastors participate in a "round robin," rotating where they preach each week. They have chosen to preach on "The Psalms of Lent," the psalms normally assigned to each Sunday in Lent.

- March 3: Pastor Jerry Lanes from Scandian Grove, Norseland (Psalm 27)
- March 10: Pastor Eric Natwick from Trinity, St. Peter (Psalm 126)
- March 17: Pastor Alan Bray (Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16)
- March 24: Pastor Paul Lutter, member of First Lutheran (Psalm 32)

Remember: ALL are welcome at First Lutheran. Consider bringing a friend with you to worship during Lent.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

Greeters	8:45 a.m. Terry Jaeger, Shirleen Sylvester 10:45 a.m. Chelsea Alger, Laurie Dietrich
Acolytes	8:45 a.m. Katie Blomgren, Laura Carpenter, Erik Thorkelson 10:45 a.m. Andrew and Mariah Johnson, Michael Spear
Ushers	8:45 a.m. Lloyd Elton, Tim & Dawn Kienlen, Richard Weldon 10:45 a.m. Pat & Amy Pehrson, Robert Peterson, Dee Waldron
Assisting Minister	Kristi Westphal
Lector	8:45 a.m. Nancy Timm 10:45 a.m. Kris Ohle
Communion Servers	8:45 a.m. Tim & Dawn Kienlen, Erik Thorkelson 10:45 a.m. Michael Spear
Musicians	8:45 a.m. Andy Regner, Peter Stelter, pianists 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Choir
Nursery Attendant(s)	Mari Aune, Haley Jaeger, Maggie Nelson, Faith Dontje-Lindell
Sound Booth Monitor	Alex Nadeau
Sunday Driver	Scott Emich
Videographer	Amos Johnson
Council-on-Duty	Elaine Peterson
Coffee Fellowship	Ryan Hoehn, Ben Johnson, Maggie Nelson



Welcome to Worship
at
First Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2010 + 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread and wine, we serve the community and the world.

Everyone is welcome

We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Guests are welcome

Children are welcome

Welcome to the Lord's Table

Altar Flowers and Radio Broadcast



Held in Christ, our center, and living in grateful response to God's love and grace, we welcome everyone, without exception. We make known our gratitude and appreciation of all, including people of every race, sex, age, color, creed, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic situation, education level and political affiliation. Please join with us as we seek to celebrate the image of God in all people, nurture meaningful relationships, and share our collective gifts in response to the world's deep hunger for hope, love, grace, justice, and peace.

We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. We invite you to sign the "Know Your Neighbor" pad that will be passed down the pew for everyone to sign. If you would like more information about First, please contact us at (507) 934-3060, or email flcstp@flcstp.org.

Worship bulletins for children are available from the ushers at the sanctuary entrance. If you would prefer to use our nursery (available for ages four and younger), you will find it out the sanctuary entrance and down the hallway to your left. An usher or greeter will be glad to assist you.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server. During communion ministers will bring bread and wine to persons who are unable to come to the front of the sanctuary. Please notify an usher who will direct communion servers to come and serve you. Children who have not had communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Weekly sponsorships for altar flowers (\$26--please note the increase in price) and radio broadcasts (\$150) are encouraged. Please contact the office, 934-3060, and/or sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available to aid your participation in worship; please ask an usher.

First Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. More information is available from the pastors or www.elca.org.

GATHERING

Gathering Music "Our Father, God in Heaven Above" H. Scheidemann

*Confession & Forgiveness P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God, C: we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life. C: Amen.

*Gathering Hymn "The God of Abraham Praise"(Stanzas 1-4) ELW 831

*Greeting P: From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all. C: And also with you.

*Kyrie Page 98-99

SENDING

*Sending Hymn "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" ELW 811

*Prayer Announcements, Blessing, Dismissal A: We join in proclaiming: C: Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread and wine, we go in peace to serve our community and the world. Thanks be to God!

Sending Music "Fugue from Sonata No. 6 (Our Father, God in Heaven Above)" F. Mendelssohn

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 1, 2010 George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633 An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

Tuesday, March 2 John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

Sunday, March 7 Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202 Vibia Perpetua was a noblewoman, and Felicity her slave, who were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

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WORSHIP NOTES:

Worship on March 14 will include prayers for healing during holy communion. After receiving communion, if you wish you may continue to a station where one of the pastors will hear your petition and pray with you for healing.

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MEAL

Offering [8:45]
[10:45] *"God So Loved the World"* John Goss

*Offertory Prayer Page 107

*Great Thanksgiving, Preface, Sanctus Pages 107-108

*Words of Institution Page 108

*Lord's Prayer Page 112

Communion *"Lamb of God"*
Distribution/Hymns

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, Lamb of God.

[10:45] *"The Lord is My Light"*; Sanctuary Choir
"Day by Day" ELW 790
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ELW 338

*Post-Communion
Blessing

*Prayer of the Day P: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading Genesis 15:1-12; 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

L: A reading from Genesis:

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

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First Reading-cont'd

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

[10:45] *We will hear a paraphrase of Psalm 27 when the choir sings "The Lord Is My Light" during communion distribution.*

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

L: A reading from Philippians:

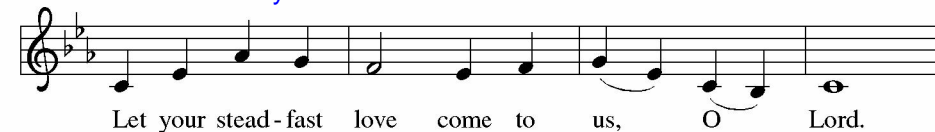
¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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Acclamation



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Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

P: A reading from Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Bray

*Hymn of the Day *"Around You, O Lord Jesus"*

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*Apostles' Creed

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*Prayers of
Intercession

Each petition will conclude with: "Lord, in your mercy..."
The congregation responds with: **"hear our prayer."**

*Sharing of the
Peace