

# First English Lutheran Church

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8:00 am Communion Service

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Lent 5

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## *Prelude and Ringing of the Bells*

*Hymn* – LSB # 610 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

## *Welcome*

## *Invocation*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God’s Holy Word says, that Jesus said to His disciples, “if anyone wants to come with Me, he must forget himself, carry his cross and follow Me.”

**C: Jesus, we want to follow You. Teach us to turn our backs on our own desires and wants.**

P: Jesus said, “Let him forget himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.”

**C: Jesus, give us the mind and heart and will to follow You faithfully.**

*(A time of silence for private confession)*

## *The Confession of Sins and Absolution*

P: Lord, Jesus Christ,

**ALL: I confess to You, that there are many times that I do not like the choices You put before me. Forgetting self, carrying a cross, and following You are not always appealing to me. I have too often chosen a lifestyle that does not bear witness to You or bring glory to Your name. Because of my sinful nature, I have been an obstacle in Your way. Because of Your death and resurrection on my behalf, I ask that You forgive me and everything that I have thought, said, and done that prevented me from truly following after You, and which made me a stumbling block to others.**

## *Pardon and Forgiveness*

P: As a called and ordained servant of God’s Word and by His command and standing in His place, I forgive you all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## *Psalms 126*

P: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

**C: Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”**

P: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

**C: Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.**

P: Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**C: Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.**

*Old Testament* – Isaiah 43:16-21 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Epistle* – Philippians 3:8-14 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain

the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please rise)*

**Holy Gospel** - Luke 20:9-19 And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup> When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup> Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' <sup>14</sup> But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' <sup>15</sup> And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup> He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" <sup>17</sup> But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?" <sup>18</sup> Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." <sup>19</sup> The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup> Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** – LSB # 861 "Christ Be My Leader"

**Sermon**

**Affirmation of Faith**

- I believe in God the Father, the maker of all things and all people.
- I believe that He has created me and all that I have, and has given me gifts beyond measure and price.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the only Savior of the world. I believe that He died on a cross for my sin, conquered eternal death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His life is mine, His resurrection is mine. New life is mine because of the words and works of Jesus.
- I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and Counselor from God. I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each person of the Christian faith. The Holy Spirit creates faith in my heart, calls me to the Gospel, and guides me to obey in holy words and deeds. He creates and builds the church of Christ on earth.
- I believe that I have the forgiveness of sins, the power to stand in strength against all adversity in this life, and the promise of an everlasting life to come. Because I do, I will listen to the call of my Lord and Savior to take up His Cross and follow after Him.
- This I truly believe. Amen.

**Offering**

**Offertory Hymn** – LSB #956 "Create In Me"

**Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** (See inside back cover of hymnal)

**LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION**

P: The cup of blessing, which we bless, is it not the Communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the body of Christ?

**C: For we, being many, are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread.**

P: When we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we share in the suffering and death of Christ. In our participation we proclaim His victory over sin, death, and the grave until He comes again in glory!

**C: Reveal Yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of this bread and taking of the wine, for this is where scripture tells us we can find You. Your body and blood is located here for the forgiveness of our sin.**

### *The Consecration*

*(sung to the tune "Just As I Am" – LSB #570)*

C: The night Lord Jesus was betrayed.  
He took the bread, and when He'd prayed,  
He broke and gave them of the bread  
And unto His disciples said:

*(Pastor says the Words of Institution for the bread)*

C: Then when the sacred meal was o'er;  
Our blessed Savior spoke once more.  
He offered thanks and lifted up,  
To give to all, the blessed cup.

*(Pastor says the Words of Institution for the wine)*

**Agnus Dei: (Lamb of God)** *tune: "Just As I Am"*

C: O Lamb of God, You take away,  
The sin of all; now hear us pray,  
And grant us from our sin release:  
Have mercy on us! Grant us peace!

### *Distribution of Holy Communion*

#### *Hymns*

LSB # 627 "Jesus Christ Our Blessed Savior"  
LSB # 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"  
LSB # 628 "Your Table I Approach"  
LBS # 782 "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

**THANKSGIVING:** *tune: "Just As I Am"*

C: Oh, thank the Lord, Whose goodness sure  
And steadfast love fore'er endure!  
Our eyes have seen, Our ears have heard,  
And we have tasted of His Word.

### **THE BENEDICTION**

P: Go out now, into the world in which you live and work, determined to carry out and glory in the cross of Jesus Christ. As you go in the knowledge that you do the will of the One Who sends you; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, will sustain you and bless you, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** – AGPS# 251 "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND POSTLUDE**

✠ ✠ ✠ **HOLY COMMUNION** ✠ ✠ ✠

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine ("*This is my body . . . This is my blood.*" Matt. 26:26,28). We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and strengthens our faith.

By communing together, we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

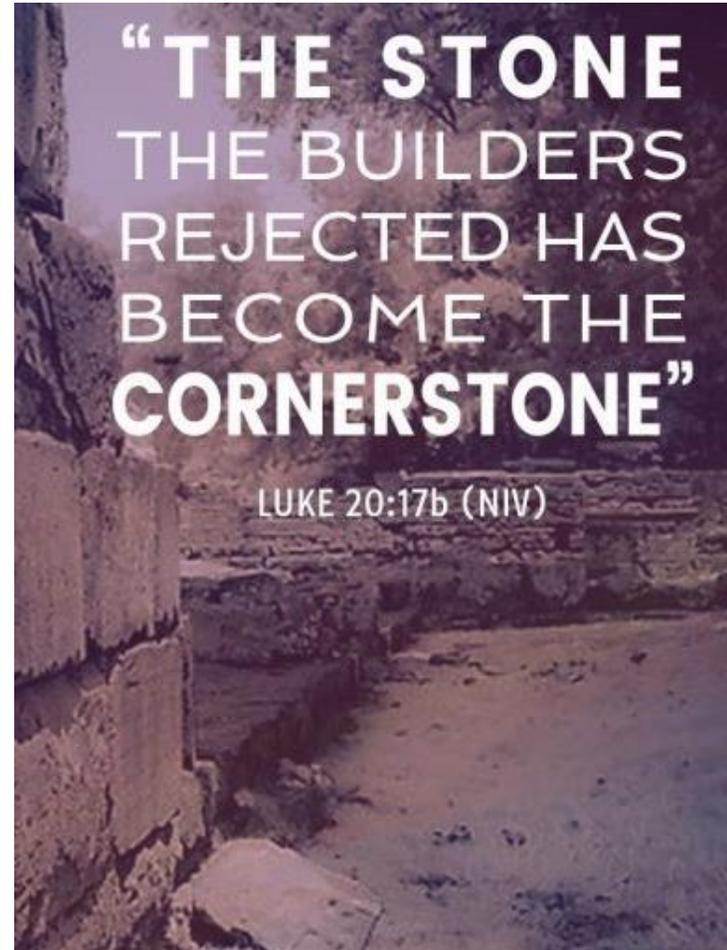
If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

† † **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
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