

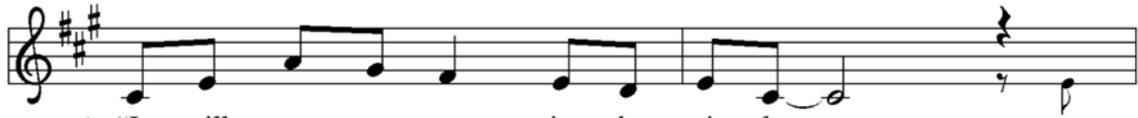


"Love the Lord your God with all your heart ... soul ... mind and ... strength."  
 Mark 12:30, NRSV

**First English Lutheran Church**  
 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
 March 22, 2020

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG/MUSIC - You Are Mine**



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



*Refrain*  
 Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



*To stanzas 3 and 4*  
 love you and you are mine."

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord, your greatest command to love can also be most difficult. Give us the same heart as you have for the world and everything in it, that we might be the living presence of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **GOSPEL**

Mark 12:28-44

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **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.**

### **OFFERING - *No Longer Slaves***

*Offerings are given by mail, electronically and by using the QR code below.*

### **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 forever. Amen.**

**-OR-**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Loving God,  
**hear our prayer.**

SENDING SONG/MUSIC - *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Verse



1. A - maz - ing - grace, how  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my  
 3. The Lord has prom - ised  
 4. The earth shall soon dis -



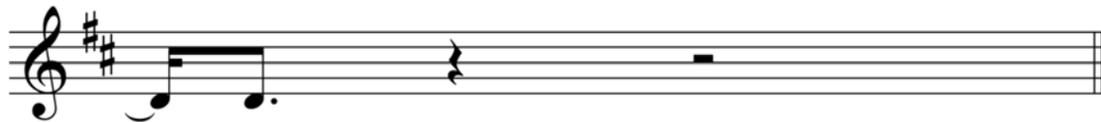
— sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like  
 — heart to fear, and grace my fears re -  
 — good to me, His word my hope se -  
 - solve like snow, the sun for - bear to shine.



— me. I once was lost, but now  
 - lieved. How pre - cious did that grace  
 - cures. He will my shield and por -  
 — But God, who called me here



— I'm found, was blind but now I  
 — ap - pear, the hour I first be -  
 - tion be, as long as life en -  
 — be - low, will be for - ev - er



— see.  
 - lieved.  
 - dures.  
 — mine.

Chorus

My chains are gone \_\_\_\_\_ I've been set

— free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed

— me. And like a

flood His mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_ reigns, un - end - ing love

— a - maz - ing grace.

**BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

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**FELC** *Love Jesus. Live your call.*

*First English is committed to being a welcoming, inclusive congregation.*

**FELC Update in Reference to COVID-19**

In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control recommendations during this trying time and with prayerful consideration, First English Lutheran Church will be canceling all in-person activities within both of our Church buildings beginning Wednesday, Mar. 18, through May 13 or until further notice.

Both sites and the Church Office will be closed to the public. The Office will be staffed, but many of the FELC Staff will be working remotely and responding to emails and voicemail in a timely manner.

Please check back often as we will update with new information as it becomes available.

Please visit [www.felc.com](http://www.felc.com) for all the latest updates from First English, and to make a prayer request.

*For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. Isaiah 41:13*

**Glorifying God Together Through Art Workshops Canceled**

The fused-glass workshops at Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass have been canceled. We hope to resume this project later in the year. If you're signed up, feel free to leave your name on the registration list. You'll be notified if/when the classes are rescheduled.

**Sole Burner 2020 Update**

In compliance with the County and State restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and out of an in the interest of protecting the health of our survivors, caregivers, volunteers and broader community, we are postponing the Sole Burner 5K Walk/Run event that was taking place on May 9. Our Virtual Race will remain open and we ask that you encourage your team members to continue to join us using this unique option. Please know your safety and those of our patients and staff come first!

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Schreiner at [hschreiner@felc.com](mailto:hschreiner@felc.com).

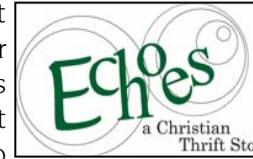
**For Those Who Have Ordered Easter Plants**

You have several options if you have already ordered plants to beautify the Sanctuaries on Easter Sunday:

- Call or email the Church Office and request a refund.
- Call or email the Church Office and request the amount you spent be added to your giving statement.
- Do nothing; when First English resumes gathering for worship and holds an Easter service, your plant will be ordered and your loved one honored.

**A Message from Echoes, A Christian Thrift Store**

To do our part to protect and care for our associates, customers and the public health, it has been decided to close Echoes to the public with plans to reopen Apr. 14. Staff will be working on some long needed projects and improvements during the closure. The situation is ever evolving, so please check back occasionally for updates.



Donations will continue to be accepted Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Echoes is located at 1320 W. Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton.

**News from Fox Valley Lutheran Homes**

We are an independent living community and are not under the same mandates as assisted living and care facilities. However, as we serve an older adult population, we are taking an abundance of caution to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

We have suspended all activities and programming. Our staff continues to maintain a presence in the building and are frequently disinfecting commonly used surfaces including handrails, door handles, elevator buttons, etc.

We ask that you please keep our tenants in your prayers. Notes and letters are greatly appreciated. Please address them to Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, 425 N Linwood Ave, Appleton WI 54914. If you are sending a message or note that is not tenant specific, please address them to ANY TENANT, APT 111 and we will distribute.

**Prayer Connection**

Prayer connects us to each other in this community of faith and to Christ. To be included in the list of prayers, submit names to the church office or the First English staff. Names are removed after one month, but can always be extended by request. Please remember these First English members, friends and families in prayer in the coming week:

**Prayers of Healing, Wholeness & Peace**

- Mary Lou Garnsworthy
- Nathan Meissner
- Angel Manos
- Jacob Schwab
- Justin Schwab
- Debra Boushley
- David Heindel
- Amy Ponomarev
- Moore Peregrine
- Robb Schaefer
- Carol Peterson
- Bev Hoff
- Alex VanMaren
- Debra Nuthals
- Syllas Garcia
- Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
- Shirley Larson
- Luke Wilson
- Jake Wilson
- Joslyn Benrud
- Carol Berggren
- Darrell Jordan
- Gloria Luebke
- Karen Schultz
- Marilyn Peterson
- Barbara Bieber

**Prayers of Comfort**

Families of:

- Garret Bellmore
- Bob Damon, Sr.
- Margee Erickson
- Steve Heil
- Jonathan Kazinguvu
- Terri Larson

**Those Called to Serve in Other Countries**

- Sarah Bauer-Myanmar
- Jack Kent-Slovakia
- Spencer Wentland-Japan

**Those in the Military and Their Families**

- Erika Brehmer
- Christian Cramer
- SFC Matt Grey and Unit 1/25 SBTC
- BM3 Kyle Kramer, USCG
- LCPL Robert Kopesky II
- Sgt. Samuel Sinclair

**This Week's Community Care Focus**

- Aurora Health Care

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