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FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH KENYON

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Second Sunday in Lent

Now the Feast & Celebration
A Eucharistic Music Setting by Marty Haugen



AGAIN & AGAIN - WE ARE CALLED TO LISTEN. Like the disciples, we are often stuck in a pattern of shame, guilt, or inaction. We mess up over and over again. We are called to listen and embody Jesus' teachings—transformed anew.

RINGING OF BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
ALL: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Listening God,
ALL: **Take what is closed in us and open it.
Take what is distracted in us and settle it.
Take what is hurting in us and hold it.
Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you.
For we are like Peter, O God.
We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see.
And we almost always speak sooner than we listen.
So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us.
We long to hear you more clearly.
We long to know you more fully.
With hope we pray,
And with gratitude we confess.
Amen.**

L: Siblings in Christ, we confess with gratitude because we know that God already has heard and forgiven us. No matter what we have done or let undone, we are held in God's hand. So rest in this good news:

**ALL: God invites us in. God meets us where we are.
God hears our prayers. God forgives us.**

L: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

MUSIC — KYRIE *Sung by Leader & All*

L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...

ALL. Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

L: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the...

ALL: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

L: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the...

ALL: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save and defend us, O God.

ALL. A - - men.

MUSIC — HYMN OF PRAISE *Sung by All*

**REFRAIN Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom: praise and glory
for evermore!**

**1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and united us to be one great people of God. TO REFRAIN....**

**2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. TO REFRAIN....**

**3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. TO REFRAIN....**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Creator God,

**ALL: We cannot hear the trees growing – seeds pushing through the dirt
into the sun. We cannot hear a single drop of rain, missing one in the
many. We cannot hear the weight of people's grief, a burden that so
often is silent. And we cannot hear when hearts are changed, but you
can. You hear it all. Help us to hear as you hear so that we can live as
you live. We are listening. Amen.**

PSALM 22:23-31 (Read Responsively)

L: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

ALL: **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

ALL: **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

ALL: **For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

L: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

ALL: **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD,**

L: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 8:31- 9:1-8

³¹Then [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ^{9:1} And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who is everywhere and right here, bigger than the sky and in the smallest of details, all at once and in every moment.

We believe that God meets us where we are – in heartbreak and high hopes, around crowded tables and in quiet homes, in joy and in suffering,

**in loneliness and in connection, in sanctuaries and living rooms,
on walks and in waiting rooms.**

**We believe that nothing we do or leave undone can distance us from God's
love. God is forever drawing us close and pulling us in. Again and
again, God meets us where we are and invites us into wholeness.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

SHARING OF GIFTS

MUSIC — AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT *Sung by All*

REFRAIN **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. REFRAIN**
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. REFRAIN**

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC — THANKS BE TO YOU *Sung by All*

- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!**
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!**

BRIDGE **Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

- 3 Praise to you O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!**

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

L: As you leave this space —
may your mouth speak of God's goodness,
may your arms hold those in need,
may your feet walk toward justice,
may your heart trust its worth,
may your soul dance in God's grace,
And may this be your rhythm-

All: Again and again and again, until God's promised day.

L: In the name of the God, the Beloved, and the Holy Spirit,
go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Sid Strandemo, Faye Marcuson, Ron Grose, Barb Schaller, Lila Cole, Lone Overby, Lynn Fromm (sister of Ed Fletcher), Eloyce Berg, Danny Van Epps. We keep Tammy Hanson in our prayers on the death of her stepmother.

CALENDAR

Sun/Feb 28	--	TODAY - Prerecorded "Now the Feast" Worship
Sun/Feb 28	7 pm	AA
Tue/Mar 2	10 am	Church Cleaning
Thu/Mar 4	10 am	Church Cleaning
Thu/Mar 4	7 pm	AA
Sun/Mar 7	9 am	IN-PERSON WORSHIP (50% capacity, with masks & social distancing); This service also LIVE-STREAMED

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Worship Bulletin



Walk
in the
Light
of the
Lord

see John 5:29-31