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FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH KENYON

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Third Sunday in Lent



AGAIN & AGAIN - WE ARE SHOWN THE WAY: Jesus begins his ministry by showing more than telling. We are shown the way, even if God's way feels foolish, counter-cultural, disruptive, or uncomfortable.

RINGING OF BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Again and again,

All: We come to this space.

L: Again and again,

All: We gather as a community

L: Again and again,

All: We move closer to God.

L: And again and again,

All: God is here.

L: We are met.

All: We are heard.

L: We are shown the way.

All: So again and again, let us worship holy God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

L. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

All: Amen.

L. God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**All: Fountain of living water, pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.**

L: Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

MESSAGE *Pastor Julie Rogness*

MUSIC: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

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- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *All*

We believe in a God who knows holy rage – a God who stands with the underdog, who passionately protects the suffering, and who overturns systems of corruption.

We believe in a God who leads by example – feeding the hungry, welcoming the children, offering water to the Samaritan, eating with the tax collector, healing the sick, preaching from the mountaintop, and offering second chances.

We believe in a God who knew that we would lose our way, and still said, “This is my body broken for you.” We believe in a God who knew our capacity for mistakes, and still said, “I’m going to prepare a place for you.”

And because of this love, we believe that God shows us the way, again and again and again. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE – OFFERING OF GIFTS

PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION & 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.**

RINGING OF BELL

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.

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

Sun/Mar 7	9 am	TODAY – WORSHIP IN-PERSON** & LIVE-STREAMED (**50% capacity, with masks & social distancing)
Sun/Mar 7	10 am	5th Gr Class/First Communion
Sun/Mar 7	7 pm	AA
Wed/Mar 10	----	Lenten Devotion 3 - <i>Knowing the Good</i>
Wed/Mar 10	7 pm	Exec. Committee
Thu/Mar 11	9:30 am	Zoom Mtg/Cannon River Conf.
Thu/Mar 11	5:30 pm	Stewardship
Thu/Mar 11	7 pm	AA
Sun/Mar 14	9 am	<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>
Sun/Mar 14	9 am	WORSHIP IN-PERSON** & LIVE-STREAMED (**50% capacity, with masks & social distancing)
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Worship Bulletin

