



First Lutheran Church

We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.

Second Sunday in Lent
Saturday, February 24, 2024

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *How Firm a Foundation (v. 1, 2, 4)* ELW 796

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Acclamation *O God of Love, O King of Peace (v. 3)* ELW 749

Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-38

Sermon Tonya Tomasek
Interlude with Time For Reflection

Sermon Hymn *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (v. 1, 2, 4)* ELW 667

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Peace Place your hand on your heart and share the peace

Offering

Offertory *We Give Thee but Thine Own (v. 1)* ELW 686

Offering Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me (v. 1, 2, 5)* ELW 798



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Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

Call to Worship

Glorify Thy Name

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Welcome and Announcements

Faith Chest

Opening Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

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Special Music

Oh Lord, throughout These Forty Days

ELW 319

Arranged by C. Knott, Accompanied by Lon Wright and Suzanne Powell

Readings

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Acclamation

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

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Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

ELW 818

Sermon

Tonya Tomasek

Interlude with Time For Reflection

Sermon Hymn

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

LBW 324

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Lamb of God

ELW 195

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Place your hand on your heart and share the peace

Offering 4Him Quartet

Follow Jesus "Three Spirituals"

John Purifoy

Accompaniment by Diane Wright

Offertory

Make Me A Servant

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Offering Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798



Announcements

February 24 & 25 2024

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by
Mike & Jenifer Klein in memory of Jenifer's brother and sister.

This broadcast will air @ 11am on 101.7FM & 1400AM.
Local Cable TV 10am Wednesdays and 5pm Thursdays; Spectrum 180 & Bluepeak 17
www.youtube.com/c/FirstLutheranChurchMarshall

Thank you for serving!	Saturday, Feb. 24 at 5:30pm	Sunday, Feb. 25 at 9:00am
Acolytes		Preston Sirovy
Greeters & Ushers	Tom + Marlene Nordby	Dave + Diane Taylor
Lectors	Marlene Nordby	Brian Kruse
Music	Susan Jones	Te Deum
Coffee Servers		Brian Kruse
Video & Audio	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning
Projection	Shelly Maes	Dan Marks
Altar Guild	Kitsi Marks, Jessica Myhre, Connie Olson, Pam Russell, Jenifer Klein	

Saturday, February 24

5:30pm Worship Service

Sunday, February 25

9:00am Worship Service

10:00am TLC

10:00am Acolyte Training (4th Grade)

Monday, February 26

6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday, February 27

9:00am Senior Coffee

Wednesday, February 28

6:30am Women's Bible Study

7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins

5:00pm Lenten Supper in Fellowship Hall

5:15pm TLC

5:15pm Acolyte Training (4th Grade)

6:15pm Handbell Choir

6:15pm Lenten Worship Service

7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice

7:00pm Game Changers & Grace Gang

8:00pm Senior High Alive

Thursday, February 29

1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters

5:30pm Bible & Brew @ Brau Bros. Brewery

Friday, March 1

7:00am Grub Club @ McDonald's (Senior High)

11:00am Red Cross Blood Drive in Narthex

Hy-Vee Cards available for Purchase! Hy-Vee gift cards are available throughout the year in the office or after worship services. 5% of the money goes to the Senior High NOLA summer trip in July.

2024 Chamber Coupon Books are also available for purchase in the office and after Sunday service. Cost is \$30 with \$5 of that directly going to our youth!

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held here at First Lutheran on Monday, March 1st from 11:00-5:00pm in the Narthex. Give something that means something to others.

Annual Youth Sponsored Lenten Suppers for you and your family! Help support Youth and Family Ministry at First Lutheran! Meals are served from 5:00-6:05 pm in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday. These meals are made and served by the youth as a fundraiser for their programming costs. This is why the price is higher than our "light meals on Wednesdays". THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY!!

ADULTS (12-UP)\$8.00 YOUTH (5-11)\$6.00 CHILD (4-UNDER)\$4.00 Family Cap of \$30.00

Feb 28 "Pasta Night"
March 6 "Pulled Pork"
March 13 "Baked Potato Bar"
March 20 "Ham and Cheesy Potatoes"

Silent Auction will be March 10-24: The month of March promises to put the FUN in FUNdraiser! And we are going to be doing it online again. Anyone is welcome to put something on the auction to help out the youth! If you have a new or gently used still in excellent condition item, contact the staff to double check it, please. We ask that items be brought to Bailey by March 5th. Thanks for always supporting our youth!

First Lutheran Youth are selling Puffins as a fundraiser (Feb 28-March 13) for Klein Ranch and the Senior High Summer Trip. If anyone is interested in purchasing and would like to get hooked up with a youth who is selling, contact Bailey.

Winter Weather Policy: In the event of severe winter weather, a cancellation decision will be made by 3pm for Saturday worship or 7:00am for Sunday worship. Listen for an announcement on Marshall Radio. It will also be posted on First Lutheran's Facebook page. For Wednesday programming, if school is released early or canceled due to severe weather, there will be no TLC, Worship, or youth activities.

Coloring for Christ will meet on Monday, March 4 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be focusing on Easter. Please bring your coloring supplies if you have some. Call Paulette Hanson at 507-530-0284 if you have questions.

Easter week Worship Services:

March 28th Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00pm
March 29th Good Friday Worship Service at 7:00pm
March 30th No Saturday Worship Service
March 31st Easter Sunday Worship Service at 9:00am & 11:00am

Prayers for the HEARTH: Prayer can be a complicated thing for many people. Sometimes you know who or what you want to pray for but you don't know how. During the season of Lent, we will have the opportunity to practice prayer together. There will be a labeled box on the Narthex table with paper hearts for you to write who or what you wish to pray. Prayers placed in the box will stay in the box unread by us but heard by our Heavenly Father. On Maundy Thursday, the prayers will be "burned" taking to heart Psalm 141:2 "Let my prayer be counted as incense before you and the lifting up my hands as an evening sacrifice."

Easter Lilies can be ordered through the church office this year! If you would like to honor a loved one this Lent and Easter season, please drop off a check or send payment of \$25.00 along with the information below. **Please have your payment and slip in the church office by no later than February 29.** You can take your Easter Lily home with you after the 11:00am Easter worship Service to enjoy.

Given in Honor / Memory of: _____

From: _____



Printed Church Directory: If you want a printed First Lutheran Directory, please contact Tonya. The Instant Church Directory site link is: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>
You can update your information or photo whenever you want. You can also download the app on your phone and have access to it wherever you go. (It's a lime green icon app that says Instant Church Directory.)

First Lutheran Family Spring Fling will be held on Friday, April 12th from 6:30-9:00pm. More details will be coming. This will be another fun family fun night. Spread the word and invite other families to join us, too!

Coffee Servers needed on Sunday mornings: *"Hospitality" is the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.* We are in need of more people willing to be in the rotation to provide the fellowship of coffee and donut holes on Sunday mornings. If you would be interested in this ministry on Sunday mornings, contact Tonya and she will answer any questions.

Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2023: In 2023, First Lutheran received \$1,464 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding. Thank you to everyone that contributed! If you haven't given your 2023 choice dollars yet, you have until March 31, 2024 to do so.

Prayer List:

~ Prayer list will be updated every Tuesday ~

John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Dorwin Swenson (father of Jason Swenson), Jerry Vogel, Jane Linder (mother of Penny Sommervold), John Thooft, Matt Moen (nephew of Lennis & Sharron Miller), John Lund, Neil Peterson (father of Jason Peterson), Carrie Sueker, Sara Whitesitt, Jim Ray (Steve & Karen Meister's daughter-in-law's father), Audrey Norris, Lenore Haug (mother of Carolyn Fuller), Sue Christoffer (sister of Holly Sorum), Lennis Miller, Eugene DuBrey (Bridget Albright's father), Amber Poppen (friend of Terri Wiblemo), Marquita Banks, Bob Mann



First Lutheran Worship Schedule

Wednesday 6:15pm Saturday 5:30pm Sundays 9:00am

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Today's Readings

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Romans 4:13-25

³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about

a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Response: ***Glory to you, O Lord!***

Mark 8:31-38

³¹Then he 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. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

"The Gospel of our Lord"

Response: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***