



First Lutheran Church

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 16 & 17, 2024

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *Faith of Our Fathers (v. 1, 2, 3)* ELW 812

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Chancel Choir *Ah, Holy Jesus* John Ferguson

Readings Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 119:9-16

Gospel Acclamation *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (v. 5)* ELW 620
Gospel Reading John 12:20-33

Sermon Pastor Sara Vanderpan

Interlude with Time For Reflection

Sermon Hymn *Beautiful Savior* ELW 838

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

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

Offering

Offertory *We Give Thee but Thine Own* ELW 686

Offering Prayer

Lord's Supper

Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Communion *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (v. 1-4)* ELW 620
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1-4) ELW 886
My Faith Looks Up to Thee ELW 759

*Come forward at the invitation of the ushers to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are also available.
This is the Lord's table, where all are welcome. Children who have not yet received communion instruction are invited forward for a blessing.*

Communion Blessing and Benediction

Closing Hymn *My Life Flows On in Endless Song (v. 1, 2)* ELW 763



Announcements

March 16 & 17, 2024

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by Doug & Peg Anderson in memory of Peggy's father, Russ Jeppesen, who passed away March 19, 2023 and in honor of her mother, Mary Jeppesen.

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, March 16 at 5:30pm	Sunday, March 17 at 9:00am
Acolytes	Finley Pelz	Hawkin + Signe Hartman
Greeters & Ushers	Steve + Barb Sandquist	Grant + Nancy Joy
Lectors	Barb Sandquist	Carter Gehrke
Music	Rosie Sorum	Rosie Sorum
Coffee Servers		Angela Fischer-Sussner
Communion Assistants	Kathy Engler	Karl + Shirley Anderson-Porsch
Video & Audio	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning
Projection	Steve Hamner	Janet Landby
Altar Guild	Emily Coequyt, Judy Werner, Tina Nielsen, Pam Odland	

Saturday, March 16

5:30pm Worship Service

Sunday, March 17

9:00am Worship Service

10:00am TLC

2:00pm SMSU Spring Sing

Monday, March 18

6:30pm Beginning Experience

7:00pm Investment Club

Tuesday, March 19

9:00am Senior Coffee

6:00pm Church Council Retreat

Wednesday, March 20

Parish Visitor Articles Due

6:30am Women's Bible Study

7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins

5:00pm Lenten Supper in Fellowship Hall

5:15pm TLC

6:15pm Lenten Worship Service

7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice

7:00pm Game Changers & Grace Gang

8:00pm Senior High Alive

Thursday, March 21

10:00am Hill Street Worship (Pr. Quist)

10:30am Heritage Pointe (Pr. Sara)

1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters

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

Friday, March 22

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

11:00am Boulder Creek Worship Service (Pr. Quist)

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.

Annual Youth Sponsored Lenten Suppers for you and your family! Help support Youth and Family Ministry at First Lutheran! Enjoy a nice warm meal together as a family. 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
March 20 "Ham and Cheesy Potatoes"

The Silent Auction is online!! www.32auctions.com/FLY2024 The Silent Auction runs until March 24th. Items can be viewed online or in the FLY ZONE. Thanks for always supporting our youth!

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION BRUNCH.... Sunday March 24th! Serving from 9:45am to 11am. Cinnamon Rolls and Fresh Fruit! Serving in the fellowship hall. Free-will offering. Help us celebrate the end of our Silent Auction. Grab and Go pre-packaged will also be available that day!

Winter Weather Policy: In the event of severe winter weather, a cancellation decision will be made by 7:00am Sunday morning. 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.

Pack the Pews is March 1-24: March is Minnesota Food Shelf Collection month and First Lutheran will be participating March 1-24. All food and money donated stays local at Marshall Kitchen Table Food Shelf. Green Bags will be placed in pews with information regarding the project. 1) Take this bag home. 2) Fill it with non-perishable food, even a few items help. 3) Bring it back to the church and place it by the shopping cart at the parking lot entry or take it directly to the food shelf. Lori Lerohl from the food shelf says taco shells, mashed potatoes and baking items are in big need. First Lutheran's Goal is 1200 lbs. If you wish to make a monetary donation you can write a check (to First Lutheran with memo line Pack the Pews) or put money in an envelope with a note indicating Food Shelf. There will be a blessing of the bags during the church services on March 23 and 24th.

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.

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

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

Coffee Servers needed on Sunday mornings: 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.

It's Spring Cleaning at First Lutheran on April 6th! We are looking for volunteers to sign-up and help clean the church on Saturday, April 6 from 9-12pm. We will meet in the office area at 9:00am. Jobs will include cleaning the church pew cushions, washing chairs and tables in the Fellowship Hall, washing windows, dusting and sweeping, etc. Please sign-up by calling the church office at 532-2429 or send Ann an email: ann@1stlutheranchurch.org

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."

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.)

Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly: We are looking for two men and two women to represent First Lutheran Church at this year's synod assembly. The two-day event is held at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN on Friday, June 7 (6pm) to Saturday, June 8 (5pm), though there is a Zoom attendance option as well. Please talk to Pastor Sara, if you are interested in representing your congregation at this event.

The Marshall Lions are collecting glasses. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please share your old glasses. There is a drop off box located by the office entrance. Thanks in advance.

Meal Train for Brandon Athen (Courtney Brockberg's fiancé):

Brandon was diagnosed with leukemia and is in St. Cloud for treatments. Courtney is staying with Brandon while the five children are staying with family. Cindy Robinson, Courtney's mom, has set-up a meal train to help. If anyone is willing to sign-up for a meal, Cindy is willing to pick it up and take to the family in Vesta. Please call Cindy's phone number @ 507-530-7426 to make arrangements.

Here is the link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/wl37yw>

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 Sharon Miller), John Lund, Neil Peterson (father of Jason Peterson), Carrie Sueker, Sara Whitesitt, Jim Ray (Steve & Karen Meister's daughter-in-law's father), Sue Christoffer (sister of Holly Sorum), Eugene DuBrey (Bridget Albright's father), Amber Poppen (friend of Terri Wiblemo), Marquita Banks, Perry Banks, Brandon Athen, Gale Gifford (brother of Dave Gifford)

Our prayers and sympathies to the family on the passing of Lennis Miller.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

“The word of the Lord”

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

Psalms 119:9-16

⁹How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. ¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. ¹¹I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. ¹²Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes. ¹³With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. ¹⁴I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. ¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. ¹⁶I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

“The word of the Lord”

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

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

John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

“The Gospel of our Lord”

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