



# First Lutheran Church

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

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 2 & 3, 2024

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (v. 1, 2, 4) ELW 324

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

Readings Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel Acclamation *O God Of Love, O King Of Peace* (v. 3) ELW 749  
Gospel Reading John 2:13-22

Sermon Pastor Sara Vanderpan  
Interlude with Time For Reflection  
Sermon Hymn *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (v. 1, 2, 4) ELW 772

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* (v. 1) ELW 686  
Offering Prayer

Lord's Supper  
Lord's Prayer  
Communion *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* ELW 325  
*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW 335  
*Blessed Assurance* ELW 638

*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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (v. 1, 2, 4) ELW 803



# Announcements

**March 2 & 3, 2024**

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by Chuck and Rolly Muller in loving memory of their parents and in honor of their family and loved ones.

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](http://www.youtube.com/c/FirstLutheranChurchMarshall)

Thank you for serving!	Saturday, March 2 at 5:30pm	Sunday, March 3 at 9:00am
Acolytes	Damien Henning	Alexzander Fink Morgan Rokeh
Greeters & Ushers	Brian Kruse Marlene Erickson	Rosie Sorum Mark Schwanebeck
Lectors	Tom Nordby	Carol Purrington
Music	Susan Jones	Susan Jones
Coffee Servers		Kady Simpson Family
Communion Assistants	Kathy Engler	Brian Kruse
Video & Audio	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning
Projection	Shelly Maes	Trey Weber
Altar Guild	Emily Coequyt, Judy Werner, Tina Nielsen, Pam Odland	

## **Saturday, March 2**

5:30pm Worship Service

## **Sunday, March 3**

9:00am Worship Service

10:00am TLC

7:00pm NOLA Meeting

## **Monday, March 4**

2:00pm Coloring for Christ

6:30pm Beginning Experience

## **Tuesday, March 5**

9:00am Senior Coffee

5:30pm Social Ministries

## **Wednesday, March 6**

6:30am Women's Bible Study

7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins

2:30pm Boulder Estates Worship (Pr. Sara)

5:00pm Lenten Supper

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 7**

1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters

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

## **Friday, March 8**

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

**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!

**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!!

<b>ADULTS (12-UP)</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>	<b>YOUTH (5-11)</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>CHILD (4-UNDER)</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>	<b>Family Cap of \$30.00</b>
March 6	"Pulled Pork"					
March 13	"Baked Potato Bar"					
March 20	"Ham and Cheesy Potatoes"					

**Silent Auction will be held 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.

**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 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.

**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.

**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. A donated bag of groceries can go a long way. 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

**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](mailto: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.)

**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.

**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.

**Church Giving Envelopes:**

Our FLC giving envelopes are sent to members every other month. If you have changed your method of giving and support to First Lutheran Church and do not want to receive envelopes, please let the office know. Or, if you wish to be added to the list, and have the envelopes sent to you at your home address, please let us know as well. Either way we are glad you are here and we thank you for supporting First Lutheran Church.

**Do You Have Extra Greeting Cards?** The Outreach committee sends greeting cards out. If you have any that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office. (Cards needed are birthday, get well soon, thinking of you, sympathy, and Christmas.)

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

Brandon was diagnosed with leukemia and is currently in St. Cloud starting treatments. Courtney is staying with Brandon while the five children (ranging from 3-15 years old) are staying with family. Meals are a concern at this time. 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 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, Sue Christoffer (sister of Holly Sorum), Lennis Miller, Eugene DuBrey (Bridget Albright's father), Amber Poppen (friend of Terri Wiblemo), Marquita Banks, Brandon Athen

Our sympathies to Scott & Carolyn Fuller and family on the death of Carolyn's mother, Lenore Haug.  
Our sympathies to Lee & Holly Sorum and family on the death of Holly's father, Merle Lange.  
Our sympathies to the Mann family on the death of Bob Mann.  
Our sympathies to Brad & Jill Runia and family on the death of Brad's father, Wally.



**First Lutheran Worship Schedule**

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

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# Today's Readings

## Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

"The word of the Lord"

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

## Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; <sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

"The word of the Lord"

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

# Today's Readings

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup>For 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.

<sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where 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? <sup>21</sup>For 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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

"The word of the Lord"

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

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

## John 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

<sup>15</sup>Making 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.

<sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After 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.

"The Gospel of our Lord"

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