



# First Lutheran Church

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## Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross (v. 1, 4)*

ELW 335

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings

Psalm 107:1-3  
Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Acclamation

*O God of Mercy, God of Light (v. 1)*

ELW 714

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Sermon

Pastor Sara Vanderpan

Interlude with Time For Reflection

Sermon Hymn

*What Wondrous Love is This (v. 1, 4)*

ELW 666

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

Offering Prayer

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

Benediction

Closing Hymn

*Lift High the Cross (v. 1, 4)*

ELW 660



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*My Lighthouse*

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song

*I Believe I Do Believe*

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Acolyte Installation

4th Grade Milestones

Readings

Psalm 107:1-3

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Acclamation

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (chorus only)*

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Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Song

*Awesome God*

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Sermon

Pastor Sara Vanderpan

Interlude with Time For Reflection

Sermon Song

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

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Apostles' Creed

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Sharing of the Peace

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Offering

*Hosanna (Praise band only)*

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Offertory

*What Have We to Offer*

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Offering Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

*This Little Light of Mine*

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# Announcements

**March 9 & 10, 2024**

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by Karl & Shirley Porisch  
in memory of Shirley's mother Dorothy Anderson.

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 9 at 5:30pm	Sunday, March 10 at 9:00am
Acolytes		Brielle Czeck Leo Swenson
Greeters & Ushers	Marlene Erickson Brian Kruse	Swenson Family
Lectors	Brian Kruse	Evelyn Maxwell Harper Griebel Evelyn Rigge
Music	Rosie Sorum	Tim's Praise Team
Offering Assistants		Isabella Sanow Hazel Rigge
Coffee Servers		Myhrbergs
Video & Audio	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning
Projection	Shelly Maes	Janet Landby
Altar Guild	Emily Coequyt, Judy Werner, Tina Nielsen, Pam Odland	

## **Saturday, March 9**

5:30pm Worship Service

## **Sunday, March 10**

Silent Auction ends

9:00am Worship Service

10:00am TLC

## **Monday, March 11**

6:30pm Beginning Experience

7:00pm Esther Circle

## **Tuesday, March 12**

9:00am Senior Coffee

7:00pm SWO Concerto Bacamera

4:30pm Childcare & Nutrition Class

## **Wednesday, March 13**

6:30am Women's Bible Study

7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins

10:00am Peace Circle

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 14**

11:00am Heritage Pointe Worship (Pr. Rasmusson)

1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters

5:30pm Bible & Brew @ Bros. Brewery

## **Friday, March 15**

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!** 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 13    "Baked Potato Bar"  
March 20    "Ham and Cheesy Potatoes"

**TODAY!!!! The Silent Auction starts online!!** [www.32auctions.com/FLY2024](http://www.32auctions.com/FLY2024) The Silent Auction runs until March 24. Items can be viewed online or in the FLY ZONE. Thanks for always supporting our youth!

**PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION BRUNCH** is on Sunday, March 24! 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!

**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.

**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."

**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 12 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.

**It's Spring Cleaning at First Lutheran on April 6!** 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)

#### **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.

**Pack the Pews is March 1-24:** March is Minnesota Food Shelf Collection month and First Lutheran will be participating March 1-24, 2024. During this Lenten season, let us share our daily bread with those in need. 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. For every \$1 received, 3 complete meals can be provided! There will be a blessing of the bags during the church services on March 23 and 24th.

**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.

**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), Eugene DuBrey (Bridget Albright's father), Amber Poppen (friend of Terri Wiblemo), Marquita Banks, Perry Banks, Brandon Athen, the family of Lennis Miller.



**First Lutheran Worship Schedule**

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

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# Today's Readings

Psalm 107:1-3

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble <sup>3</sup>and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

“The word of the Lord”

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

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Ephesians 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

John 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who

believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

“The Gospel of our Lord”

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