



# First Lutheran Church

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

## Between a Rock and a Hard Place

March 17 & 18, 2018

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements/Temple Talk  
3rd & 4th Grade Memory Work (10:45)

<b>Hymn</b>	<b><i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i></b> (v. 1, 3, 5)	ELW 855
Confession and Forgiveness		p. 94
Kyrie		p. 203
Canticle of Praise	<i>Glory be to God</i>	p. 204

### Prayer of the Day

***We bless you, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lovingly walked the path that led to death for the sake of the world. Keep us in his way of truth that we might proclaim the promise of the cross for all people. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Chancel Choir (Sunday)	<i>Crucifixus</i>	by Bach
Reading	Psalm 146	pew Bible p. 570
	"The word of the Lord" Response: <b><i>Thanks be to God!</i></b>	

<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b><i>Jesus, Remember Me</i></b>	ELW 616
Gospel Reading	John 19:1-16a	pew Bible p. 989
	Response after the announcement: <b><i>Glory to you, O Lord.</i></b>	
	Response after the reading: <b><i>Praise to you, O Christ.</i></b>	

Sermon

<b>Hymn</b>	<b><i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i></b>	ELW 623
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**Apostles' Creed** (inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of the People

Offering

<b>Offertory</b>	<b><i>Take My Life, That I May Be</i></b> (v. 1, 6)	ELW 685
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The Lord's Supper

**Lord's Prayer** (sung)

***Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever! Amen.***

<b>Lamb of God</b> (Sunday)		p. 208
<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<b><i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i></b>	ELW 338
	<b><i>How Great Thou Art</i></b>	ELW 856
	<b><i>What Feast of Love</i></b>	ELW 487

Blessing

<b>Closing Song</b>	<b><i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i></b>	ELW 803
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Postlude



# Announcements

March 17 & 18, 2018

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Doug & Peggy Anderson in honor of Peggy's parents, Russ & Mary Jeppesen's 65th wedding anniversary March 20th.

**Prayer List:** John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Kathy Riemer (sister of Bob Schrupp), Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Julie Roby, Pat Leary, Casey Porisch (great nephew of Karl & Shirley Porisch), Lois Dellwo (sister of Linda VanOverbeke), Sean Stucker, Lori Lerohl at the death of her sister Lisa Casey, Wes Marks (brother of Roger Marks).

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	8:30am	10:45am
Acolytes	Reese Jensen	Joseph Voit Taylor Freeburg	Drew Wajer Cadence Brink
Greeters		Ken & Sue Versaevel	Eric & Karla Luther
Ushers		CJ & Julie Mortier Alison & Jenna	Eric & Karla Luther
Lectors		Marlene Nordby	Denise Schneekloth
Communion Assistants	Kathy Engler	Tom & Marlene Nordby	Tim & Tonya Tomasek Angela Fischer
Music	Rosie Sorum	Rosie Sorum Chancel Choir Directed by Stephen Kingsbury	
Coffee Servers		Mike & Jean Henle	
Video and Projection		Steve Hamner	Steve Hamner
Altar Guild	Emily Coequyt, Gail Murphy, Karen Murphy, Tina Nielsen, Pam Odland		
Van Driver	Dan Marks		
Snow Removal	March 12-18: Mark Jensen, Eric Miller March 19-25: Cliff Carmody, Bruce Remme		

## Sunday March 18

8:30am Worship - Pack the Pews  
 9:30am TLC  
 9:45am 3 For Heaven Sake  
 10:45am Worship - 3rd & 4th Gr Memory  
 Work  
 7:00pm Houston Getting Ready Meeting

## Monday March 19

1:00pm Quilting  
 6:30pm Beginning Experience

## Tuesday March 20

Parish Visitor Articles Due  
 9:00am Senior Coffee

### **Wednesday March 21**

6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Mike's  
9:30am Rejoice Bible Study  
2:30pm TLC  
5:00pm G3  
5:00pm Lenten Supper  
6:15pm Lenten Worship  
7:00pm Chancel Choir  
7:00pm Faith Chats/Game Changers  
7:00pm Junior High Alive  
8:00pm Senior High Alive

### **Thursday March 22**

5:30pm Bible & Brew

### **Friday March 23**

7:00am Senior High Grub Club

### **Saturday March 24**

2:00pm SMSU Voice Recital  
5:30pm Worship

### **Sunday March 25**

Silent Auction Brunch  
8:30am Worship  
9:30am TLC  
10:45am Worship- 5th & 6th Grade  
Memory Work

## **News & Notes**

**Hy-Vee Cards are available for purchase** between services in the narthex! Proceeds go to the Senior High 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering trip.

**Annual Youth Sponsored Lenten Suppers** Help support Youth and Family Ministry at First Lutheran! Enjoy a nice warm meal together as a family. Invite your friends to join you too. Meals are served from 5:00-6:05pm in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday during Lent. 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".  
ADULTS(12--UP) \$6.00, YOUTH(5--11) \$4.00, CHILD(4--UNDER) \$2.00, Family Cap of \$20.00

Wednesday March 21 Ham and Cheesy Potatoes

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY!!

**SENIOR HIGH'S SILENT AUCTION IS UP AND RUNNING!** Our annual Silent Auction is filled with various items and services for you to bid on. Bidding is open!! Don't miss out! We will finish up on Sunday March 25 (11am) and we will have a brunch to celebrate the close of the bidding and announce whose bids were the top. Items are all in the unfinished basement. Check them out!! Thanks for supporting the youth!! We definitely need you all! Proceeds will go to the youth attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.

**Palm Sunday Celebration Brunch** - March 25 from 9:15am until 11am. Egg Bake and Cinnamon Rolls! Free-will offering. Sponsored by the Senior High Youth attending the summer Houston Trip. Thanks for supporting the youth!!

**The Houston Youth from First Lutheran will be serving at the Pizza Ranch in Marshall on March 26th from 5-8pm!** It is such a fun night out for fellowship with our faith family and friends! Bring yourself! Bring your families! Bring your friends! Bring anyone you can think

of!! Money earned will go toward our trip this coming summer to Houston. Thanks so much for your support! We will get 10% of the meals sold that night during the time we are there and *100% of the donations!!*

**Kenny & Sharon St. Aubin are celebrating** their 20th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 25. They invite you to an open house party at the Marshall Square Apartments in the big room on 2nd floor from 1:30-4:30 pm.

**Prairie Conference WELCA Spring Gathering** will be held Saturday April 21st at Sillerud Lutheran Church in Balaton. Speaker is Julie Clark Lingen. Registration begins at 8:30am and concludes with a noon lunch. Registration fee is \$10. In-kind offering will be items for Shetek Lutheran Ministry: puzzles, games, paper, dry erase markers, markers, box fans, bath towels, money for planting spring flowers.

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# Today's Readings

## Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! <sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. <sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. <sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; <sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup> the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup> The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

“The word of the Lord”

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

## John 19:1-16a

19 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They kept coming up to him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again and said to them, ‘Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.’ <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, ‘Here is the man!’ <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, ‘Crucify him! Crucify him!’ Pilate said to them,

‘Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.’ <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, ‘We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.’

<sup>8</sup> Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, ‘Where are you from?’ But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> Pilate therefore said to him, ‘Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?’ <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.’ <sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, ‘If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.’

<sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, ‘Here is your King!’ <sup>15</sup> They cried out, ‘Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!’ Pilate asked them, ‘Shall I crucify your King?’ The chief priests answered, ‘We have no king but the emperor.’ <sup>16</sup> Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Response after the announcement:

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Response after the reading:

***Praise to you, O Christ.***