

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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***“Welcome to First Lutheran Church! All are accepted and affirmed just as we are, with all our differences and gifts – unique children of God. No matter your race, ethnicity, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental abilities, social or economic status, we have a place for you. As part of the whole complex, colorful spectrum of God’s creation in all its diversity we are all one in Christ!”***

## ***Land Acknowledgement Statement***

*As we gather in this place, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Seneca Nation (Onödowá’ga:’). We remember that we also share this land with other parts of God’s good creation: plants, birds, and animals. May we be good stewards and good neighbors.*

***Setting IV***  
***March 9, 2025***

***\*Indicates for the congregation to please stand as you are able.***



*Please let the lighting of the altar candles signal our time to quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

**PRELUDE**      *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*      arr. Fred Bock

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,  
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✙ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**      *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

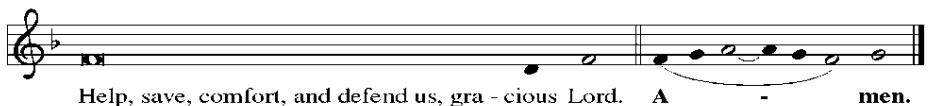
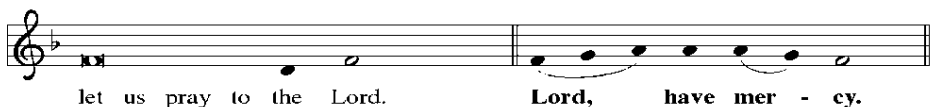
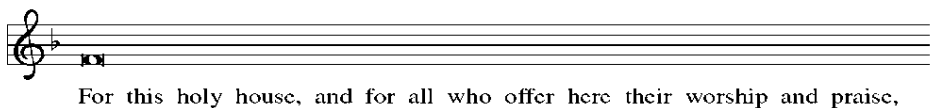
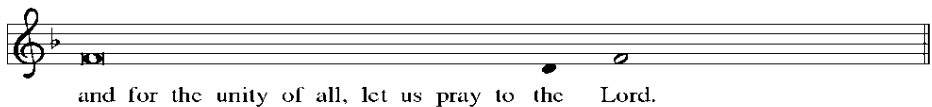
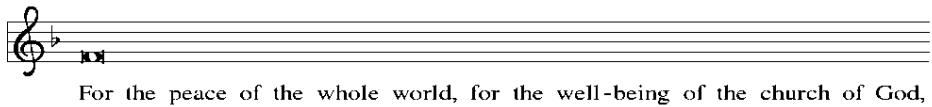
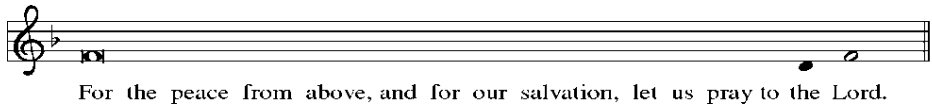
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## \*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## **FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)

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charge o - ver you, to guard you in all your ways.

Psalms 91:11

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- <sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of <sup>1</sup> the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of <sup>1</sup> the Almighty—
- <sup>2</sup> **you will say to the Lord, “My refuge <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I <sup>1</sup> put my trust.” R**
- <sup>9</sup> Because you have made the <sup>1</sup> Lord your refuge,  
and the Most High your <sup>1</sup> habitation,
- <sup>10</sup> **no evil <sup>1</sup> will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come <sup>1</sup> near your dwelling.**
- <sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge <sup>1</sup> over you,  
to guard you in <sup>1</sup> all your ways.
- <sup>12</sup> **Upon their hands they will <sup>1</sup> bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- <sup>1</sup>gainst a stone. R**
- <sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion <sup>1</sup> cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion <sup>1</sup> and the serpent.
- <sup>14</sup> **I will deliver those who <sup>1</sup> cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they <sup>1</sup> know my name.**
- <sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will <sup>1</sup> answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and <sup>1</sup> honor them.
- <sup>16</sup> **With long life will I <sup>1</sup> satisfy them,  
and show them <sup>1</sup> my salvation. R**

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:8b-13

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

nce, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like  
<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to ...

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

## \*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:1-13

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give

their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup> and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

## SERMON

*Pastor Jeffrey Ewing*

*Silence for reflection may follow.*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* #319

## \*APOSTLES' CREED

*Congregation:*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Congregation response:*

**A:** God, in your mercy,

**C:** receive our prayer..

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

**A:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**MEAL**\_\_\_\_\_

## **OFFERING**

*An offering tray is available at the entrance of the sanctuary. For those wishing to do so, we encourage you to donate online at [flcwarren.com/give](http://flcwarren.com/give).*

*As always, thank you for supporting the work of bringing God's love to all people through First Lutheran!*

### **\*OFFERTORY**

[8AM]

[11AM]

### ***How Beautiful***

Carolyn Worley, soprano

Senior Choir

Twila Paris

arr. Larson

### **\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

### ***We Are an Offering***

#692

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering, we are an offering.**



## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Gracious Provider,

C: **You set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.**

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

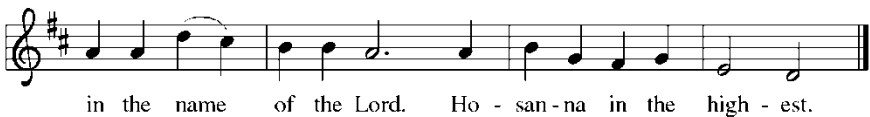
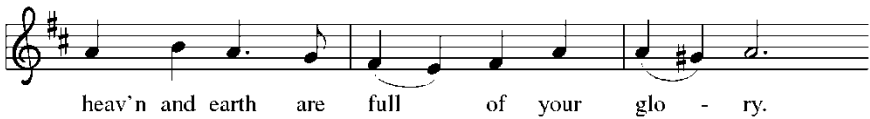
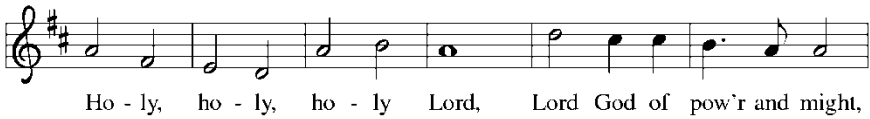
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### *Congregation:* \*SANCTUS



## **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND RESPONSE**

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

... Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

... Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily  
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and  
forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

As Lutherans we believe that Jesus is present in the elements of communion, bringing forgiveness and new life to all who receive it. The table is open to everyone, and the gift is always given, never taken. Simply make a cradle with your hand(s) as you receive the bread. **Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the ushers. Bring them forward to be blessed by the pastor.** The response after receiving both the gift of bread and wine is  
*“Amen.”*

*For those who would like to continue to celebrate in the pews, please let the usher know. For our friends who are not celebrating communion, simply fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

#325

*O Love, How Deep*

#322

Verses 1-4

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *On My Heart Imprint Your Image* #811

**On my heart imprint your image,**

**blessed Jesus, king of grace,**

**that life's troubles nor its pleasures**

**ever may your work erase.**

**Let the clear inscription be:**

**Jesus, crucified for me,**

**is my life, my hope's foundation,**

**all my glory and salvation!**

**\* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Generous Host,

C: you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,

that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,

in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**\*BLESSING**

P: God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
‡ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN**

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

#326

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Postludium*

Gordon Young

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*Today's Altar Flowers*

*Given by Lou & Lynne Rich in loving memory of  
Josephine & Louis Rich.*

*Given by Penny & Gary Lester in honor of our church family.*

<i>Serving Today</i>	<i>March 9</i>	<i>March 16</i>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	(8AM) Lori Nowacki (11AM) Barb Luce	Don Reed Denise Pearson
<b>CANTOR</b>	(8AM) Carolyn Worley (11AM) Dave Campbell	Anne Benson Adri Hunt
<b>GREETERS</b>	(8AM) Don & Kate Reed (11AM) Sunny & Siby Thomas	Diane Stenstrom Melody Traub
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	(8AM) Jen Kersey (11AM) Allison Kellogg	Jen Kersey Justin Klenowski
<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>	Cheri Kellogg	Pastor Jeff
<b>DIGITAL DEACON</b>	Keith Hedges	Heidi Colosimo
<b>COUNTERS</b>	Addy Landrio Dave Campbell	Dave Campbell Cathy Hall

## PRAYER LIST

*Names will remain on the list for a period of three weeks.*

*Names may be returned to the prayer list by contacting the church office.*

*Please receive permission before submitting names to be included on the Prayer List.*

**Prayer Requests:** *servicemen & women, especially Andrew Shodi, Swede Backhus, Adam & Ben Frederick, Shane Simpson, Curtis Royek, Ty Elmquist, Julie & Joey Gilman, Hunter Feeny, Kohl Feeny*

**March 16:** *Christopher Smith, Mary Hofer, Sheila Auer, Andrea Hille, Rod Anderson, Caleb Brannon, Brooke Benton*

**March 2:** *Kim Tome, Rose Troyan, Holly Schubert, Bonnie Gray, Velma Zock, Peggy Nelson, Janet Wilson, Sarah Downey, Jeff Bastow, Sarah Chamberlin, Elaine Powers, Donna Smith, Jeff Granger, Kia Lee, Betty Berdine, Vic Wolfe, Cara Smith, Krystal Kirkland, Joe Krall, Jerry Johnson, Mariah Nowacki, Barry Seastead, Maryann Long, Denise Cederquist*

**February 23:** *Linn Hyde, Ron Braxton, Larry Rambish, Eunice Herrington, Alyssa Dennewitz, Ron & Lois Hart, Jerry Stuart, Connie Buerkle, Rita Hawk, Terry Pearson, Val & Nancy Condio, Brent Casey, Kristin Frick, Tom & Robin Swanson, Joel Nowacki, Doug Granger, Family and Friends of Marc Hunter*

***Please contact the Church Office if you, a family member or someone from the parish is in the hospital.***

***Help us help you when pastoral care is needed!***



### **COOKIES NEEDED!**

Our church is once again sponsoring two Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheons this spring. We will be taking a giant Baked Potato and Salad Bar, along with lots of cookies, to Sheffield Elementary/Middle/High School on Tuesday, March 18th and to Youngsville Middle/High School on Monday, April 28th. We would love homemade cookies for our cookie trays and are hoping to entice some bakers into helping us! If you can provide two dozen cookies (bars, no bakes, cookies) by Monday, March 17th, it would be appreciated. Cookies for April will be needed by Sunday, April 27th. They do not need to be pre-packaged. Please contact Penny Lester, 814-757-8449 or [plester@breezeline.net](mailto:plester@breezeline.net). Thank you!

### **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

Worship with Communion begins at 11:00AM., and lunch at noon on Tuesday, March 11. If you are not on a call list, please contact Jess at the church and we will be sure to get you on one for a friendly reminder each month!



# Community Lenten Services

*Experiencing Lent Through Our Senses*

March 11 6:30PM

First Lutheran Church

Bishop Lozano

Topic: *Sight*

*Services will change location but be held every Tuesday at 6:30PM during Lent. Check the Lantern and bulletin for updates.*



## TAKE-OUT RANGU SPAGHETTI DINNER ON A THURSDAY? WHAT'S THE OCCASION?

First Lutheran will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on **Thursday, March 13** to help support the **Warren Area Refugee Resettlement Network**. This take-out dinner will feature spaghetti (duh!) with homemade sauce (YUM!), along with salad, bread and a dessert. Drive in, make a donation and enjoy a great meal! Dinner will be served from 4:31PM – 6:17PM  
**NOTE: all donations made will be matched by a generous benefactor, so your gift will go twice as far!!** Hope you can join us!

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with the pancake supper by giving of your time, opening up your wallets (and tummies), and/or sending prayer support. We have raised \$726 so far to support scholarships at United Seminary.



Say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust." – Psalm 91:2

## Memory Verse

The memory verse says that God is like a fortress. A fortress is a safe and secure place. Draw a picture of a place where you always feel safe. Where is God in that place?



# MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS





# Refrigerator Schedule

## **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS** **Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday** **at 6:30 PM**

*HP/Hansen Parlor; NH/Niewoehner Hall; OFH/Old Fellowship Hall,  
YR/Youth Room, UC/Upstairs Classroom, SY/Sanctuary, CR/Choir Room  
UCC/Upstairs Couch Classroom, N/Narthex, K/Kitchen*

Sunday, March 9	8:00 AM	<b>Communion Service (SY)</b>
	9:31 AM	<b>Sunday's Cool (OFH/NH)</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Communion Service (SY)</b>
Monday, March 10	6:00 PM	<b>Losers (OFH)</b>
	1:00 PM	Mahjongg (HP)
	6:00 PM	Silver Winds (SY)
Tuesday, March 11	7:00 PM	Genealogy (NH)
	11:00 AM	<b>Senior Fellowship (SY/NH)</b>
	1:30 PM	<b>Social Ministry (NH)</b>
Wednesday, March 12	6:30 PM	<b>Community Lenten Service @ FLC (SY)</b>
	9:00 AM	<b>Workshop (OFH)</b>
	12:00 PM	<b>Bible Study (NH)</b>
	5:00 PM	Grief Yoga (OFH)
	5:15 PM	<b>Handbells (SY)</b>
Thursday, March 13	6:00 PM	<b>ESOL (UC)</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Choir (CR)</b>
	10:00 AM	<b>Prayer Shawl (HP)</b>
Saturday, March 15	4:31 PM	<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>
	12:00 PM	Shakespeare (OFH)
Sunday, March 16	8:00 AM	<b>Communion Service (SY)</b>
	9:31 AM	<b>Sunday's Cool (OFH/NH)</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>Communion Service (SY)</b>
	12:15 PM	<b>Mission Trip Meeting (NH)</b>
	6:00 PM	<b>Losers (OFH)</b>