

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

WELCOME VISITORS

*We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave the service today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome in church,
If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery for those age 4 and younger
located on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the
hallway, and the nursery is the first door on your right.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing devices for today's worship are available,
please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST **March 16 – March 23**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	2:00 p.m.	Conference Annual Assembly at Trinity Greencastle
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
	1:00 p.m.	MOW Board Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study in the Parlor
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast at Texas Lunch
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper at First Lutheran
	7:00 p.m.	LARC Lenten Worship at First Lutheran
Thursday	6:15 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Jazz Liturgy Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME & PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

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.

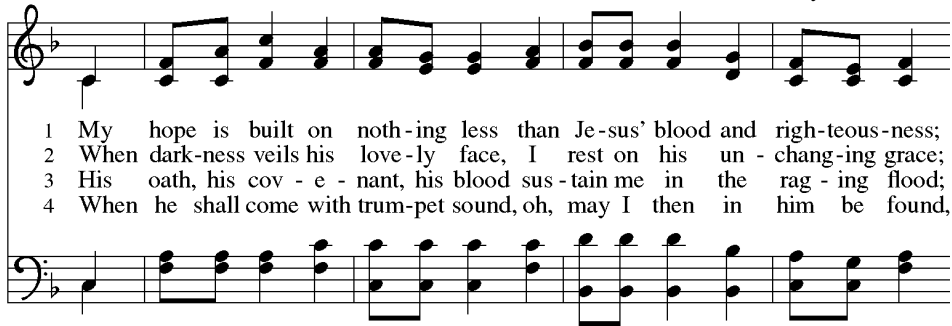
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

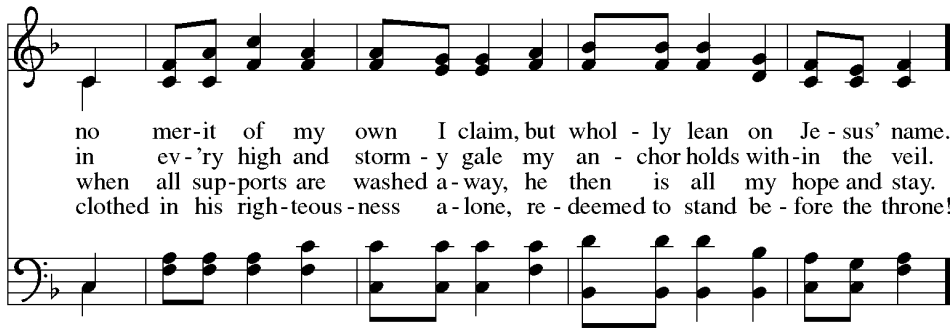
Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury

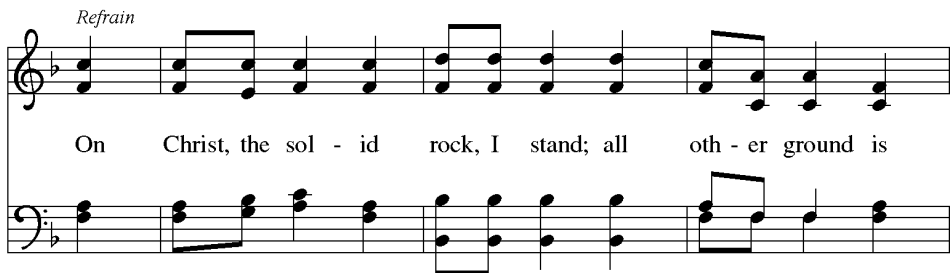


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus-tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

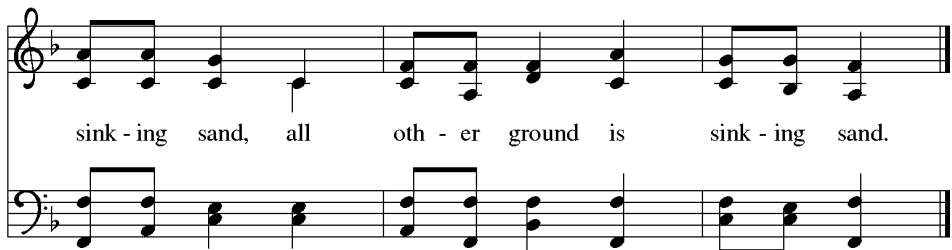


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



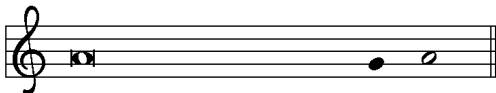
sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



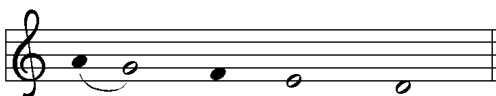
Lord, have mer - cy.



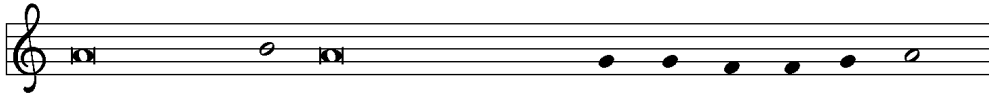
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward

heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.”⁸ But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”⁹ He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 27

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰ **Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹² **Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³ This I believe that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

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.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.’ ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to your, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Silence follows the sermon for reflection.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand following the prayer as you are able.

Thy Holy Wings

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Please be seated.

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code



ANTHEM *Come Dine With Me* by: Baertschi/Schram

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, 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.

DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

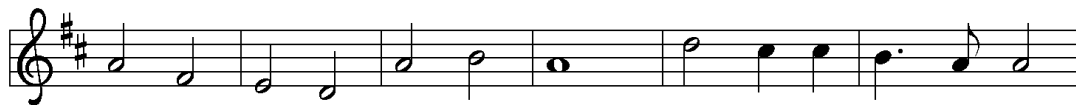
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus, as you taught us, we are bold to pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God's love is poured out in Christ for you.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Bread of Life from Heaven

Text: Latin hymn, Hugh T. Henry Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep us in his grace! **Amen.**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host, 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

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

God of Grace and God of Glory

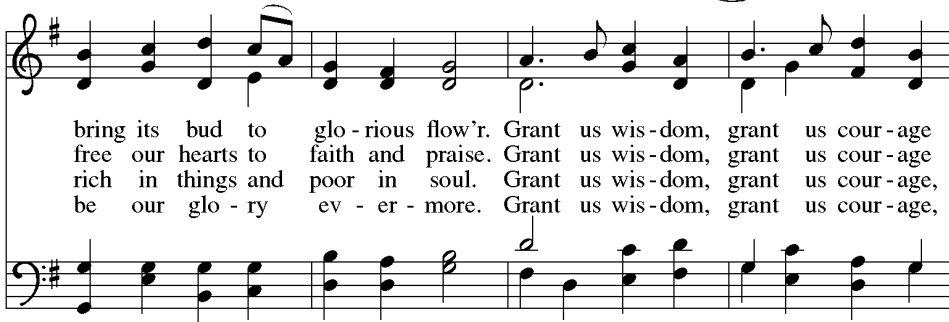
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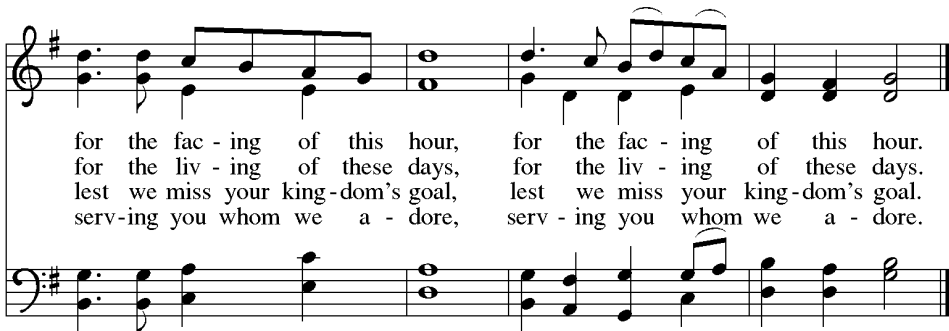
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Galen Myers (3/28),
Denise Heinbaugh (4/5), Varva Jones (4/4),
Julie Paul (4/5), Karin Woods (4/11).



Long Term Care: **Joanne Caskey, Pat Dent, Julie Diehl, June Diehl, Tudy Gates, Charles Kampmeyer, Garry Shatzer,** and Joe Pine

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold and Parker Brown.

ATTENDANCE

Ash Wednesday - March 5	9:30 a.m. 13	5:30 p.m. 23
	7:30 p.m. 31 in person	14 online.
March 9	74 in person	7 online

LENTEN OFFERING Our Lenten offering will be donated to **Wheels for Women**, a local non-profit that supports women facing abuse, medical issues, substance recovery, family tragedies and abandonment by providing them with access to reliable used cars. Our donation will help reach their 2025 goal to deliver 24 vehicles to struggling women, thus enabling them to regain their independence and navigate the road to a better future. This offering may be placed in the Lenten offering envelope or identified on your check as “Wheels for Women.”

NEW MEMBERS First Lutheran will be receiving new members on Sunday, April 27 at our 10:45 worship. If you have an interest in becoming a member at First Lutheran, speak with Pastor Nicholson by April 13. 717-264-2015 or flcpastor@outlook.com.

BUZZ JONES SEXTET Join us on Sunday, March 23 at 10:45 a.m. for a unique Lenten Jazz Worship Service premiering Black Americans and their contributions to the arts through jazz and hymnody. Music will include Blues March by Benny Golson; Precious Lord, Take My Hand; Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land ; Come Sunday from Duke Ellington's (1943) Black, Brown & Beige Suite; The Preacher by Horace Silver; I Want Jesus to Walk With Me; Lord, Make Me More Holy; I Let a Song Go Out of My Heart by Duke Ellington. We are excited about this groups 3rd visit. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

SUMMER LUTHERAN CAMP Summer Camp information is available in Memorial Hall. Opportunities for children, youth, families, and sr adults. Financial assistance available as needed. Please talk with Pastor Nicholson for more information.

NAWAKWA EVENTS For more information visit www.LutheranCamping.org or see bulletin board on first floor by ramp.

- Open house March 16 and April 6.
- Quilting Retreat March 21-23.
- Work day April 26.
- Camp Worship and Picnic May 18.

BIRTHDAY BAGS Everyone likes to have their birthday celebrated, but when family funds are limited, it does not always happen. Little Daisy's Closet hands out birthday bags to people so their families can have a memorable celebration. We are collecting cake mixes, packaged icing, birthday napkins, balloons, and a disposable baking pan for each bag. If you would like to contribute, please place items in the container outside the main office door. Questions? Contact Joyce Ray.



SPRING CRAFT SHOW Saturday, April 12th from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church - Family Life Center. Located at 750 Norland Ave. Chambersburg. **Something for everyone!** Many artists, crafters and authors. Enjoy Coach's Corner BBQ.

LARC LENT 2025

THEME: Flourishing as Disciples

Date and Time: 7:00	Weekly Theme	Location	Preacher
March 19	Salt and Light Matthew 5:13-16	First Lutheran 43 W Washington St	The Rev. Barbara Barry
March 26	Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:5-13	Corpus Christi Roman Catholic 320 Philadelphia Ave	The Rev. Jane Nicholson
April 2	Do Not Worry Matthew 6:25-34	Trinity Episcopal 58 S 2nd St	The Rev. Michael Allwein
April 9	Build Your House on The Rock Matthew 7:24-29	Solomon's Lutheran 4856 Wayne Rd	Father Benjamin Kwaghgba



LARC LENT 2025

We will be having Wednesday Lenten services at the Lutheran, Anglican (Episcopalian), and Roman Catholic Churches (LARC Churches)

March 12 through April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to stay for a time of conversation following worship.

LENT SOUP SUPPERS A soup and bread supper will be held each Wednesday evening at 5:30 at the church where worship will be held. If you are able to help serve, clean-up, or provide soup on March 19 for the supper being held at First Lutheran, please contact Barb Evans at 717-360-2535.



LENTEN OFFERINGS The LARC Lenten offerings received on Wednesday evenings will be donated to Mercy House. Mercy House provides compassionate end-of-life care in a calm, peaceful setting. The physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of guests are addressed, and families and friends are comforted and supported. Checks may be made payable to LARC.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>March 16</u>	<u>March 23</u>	<u>March 30</u>
Lector:	Joyce Ray	Ralph Burdick	Becky Hoover
Soundboard:	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh
Communion Assistants:	Deb Fleegal Becky Hoover Tom Kriner		
Greeters:	Bob Hammer Dot Hammer	Bob Hammer Dot Hammer	Bob Hammer Dot Hammer
Closer	Jeff Dorand	Jeff Dorand	Jeff Dorand
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Denny Love Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson	Denny Love Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson	Denny Love Don Shoop Kathy Shoop Bob Wildeson

HELP NEEDED First Lutheran is in need of some volunteers to help with:

- Altar Guild: This includes placing the paraments on the altar and pulpit, hanging banners, and setting up for and cleaning up after Holy Communion. Please talk with Barb Evans (717-360-2535) or Pastor Nicholson if you would be willing to help for one or two months of the year.
- Rose Garden: Do you know someone that loves to work in the rose garden and perhaps no longer has one of their own? We are looking for someone or a couple of people to care for the garden. Please contact Jeff Dorand (301-573-8204) for more information. You do not need to be a member to help with this.
- Unlock and Lock the church on Sundays and turn on/off lights. Please contact Jeff Dorand (301-573-8204) for more information.
- Operating the Sound Board and/or visual equipment during worship. Contact: Scott Carbaugh 717-660-9066.





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Sally Herritt

Financial Secretary

Carol McCoy

Custodian

Jennifer Flores

Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday Schedule

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,
and to worship with us.