

First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 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 9 – March 16

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study in the Parlor
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper at Trinity Lutheran
	7:00 p.m.	LARC Lenten Worship at Trinity Lutheran
Thursday	6:15 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
	1:30 p.m.	Women of ELCA
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	2:00 p.m.	Conference Annual Assembly- Trinity Greencastle

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.**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Refrain



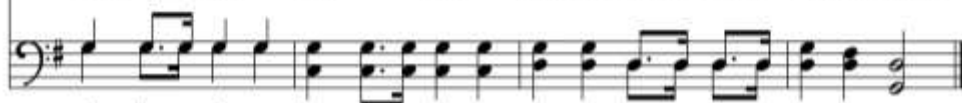
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lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



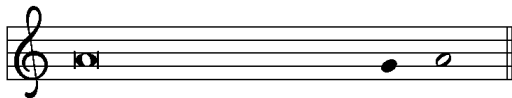
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GREETING

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.



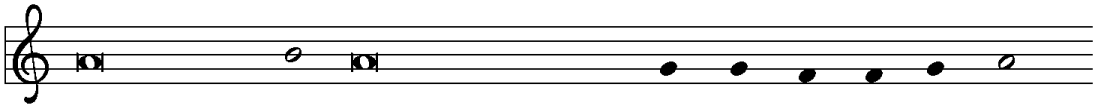
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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. **O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through 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 CHOIR *I'm Going On A Journey*

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10: 8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² 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. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² 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.

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ 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. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

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

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

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

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

Please be seated

SERMON *Silence follows the sermon for reflection.*

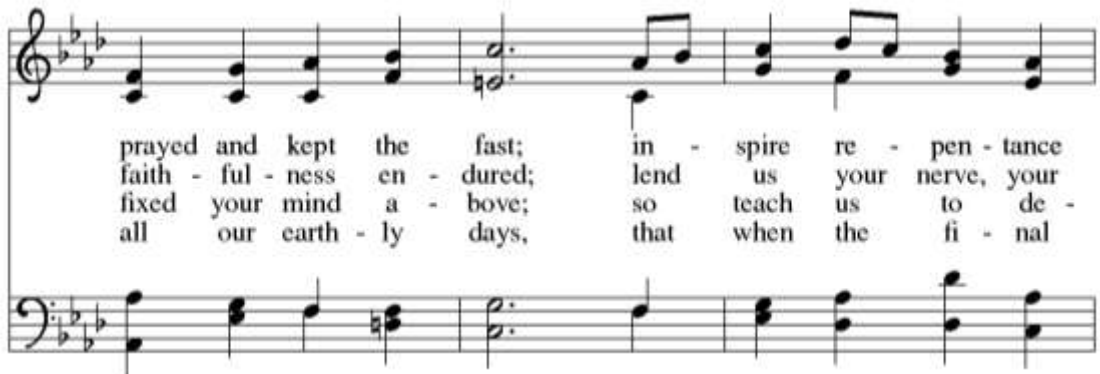
PASTORAL PRAYER *Please stand following the prayer as you are able.*

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman. Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson.



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Please be seated.

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors/Godparents present the candidate:

We present Collyns Jo for baptism.

Brittany and Trevor, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Collyns grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

Paige, as her sponsor, do you promise to nurture Collyns in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Respond: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Collyns and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The assembly may be seated.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

Collyns Jo, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them
to eternal life.

Sustain Collyns with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and
understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear
of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Collyns Jo, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked
with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

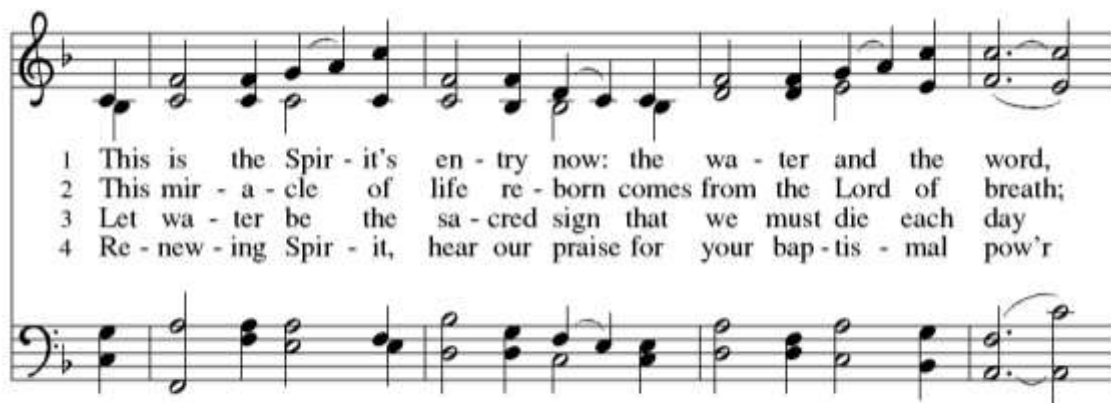
A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

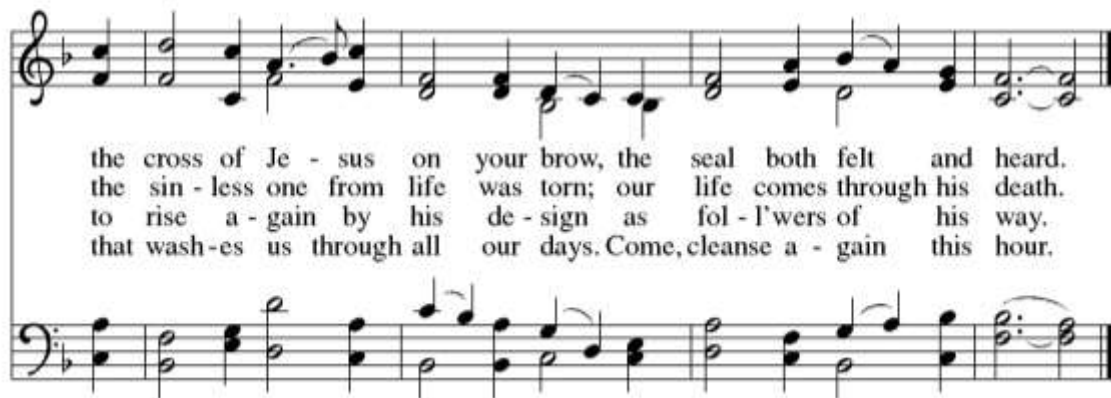
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

OUR RESPONSE

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

When Jesus Wept

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.**

**Deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan Music: LLANGLOFFAN

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way,
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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We welcome Collyns Jo Plasterer into the family of God and celebrate her baptism today. Collyns is the daughter of Trevor and Brittany Plasterer and sister of Emersyn. Her baptism sponsor is Paige Massimilla.



Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Don Hershey (3/9), Jane and Paul Stockhousen (3/9), Linus Christman (3/12), Jerry (3/12), Galen Myers and family (3/28), Denise Heinbaugh (4/5), Varva Jones (4/4).



Continuing Prayers: **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 March 2 73 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.”

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.

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.

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.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>March 9</u>	<u>March 16</u>	<u>March 23</u>
Lector:	Gary Fleegal	Joyce Ray	Ralph Burdick
Soundboard:	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh
Communion		Deb Fleegal	
Assistants:		Becky Hoover Tom Kriner	
Greeters:	Bob Hammer Scott Hammer	Bob Hammer Scott Hammer	Bob Hammer Scott 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

ST. SERAPHIM soup kitchen offers meals to those in need on Saturdays when the Salvation Army does not provide meals. First Lutheran has joined with St Luke Lutheran to help provide servers for this ministry. St Seraphin is located near the Salvation Army. Upcoming volunteer opportunity on Saturday, April 19. Contact Mary Gotwald to help 717-264-4759.



LAUNDRY DAYS continue at Spot Laundry beginning this year on Saturday, March 15, 2025. It is a two hour commitment beginning at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcomed to come, greet our neighbors and pay their laundry expenses for that day with a laundry card. We also offer religious materials, water bottles, children's books and Meals on Wheels left overs. NTT has also started a children's library there. We provide used books with a note to take a book or two home. Please contact Joyce Ray at 717-658-6077 if you are interested in helping!

DOWNSIZING? The Lutheran Churches work together to collect furniture and give it to families in need. If you have any furniture, they would like to have the opportunity to come and look at it to see if it can be used. There is a storage unit for the items until needed. In December and January 4 refugee families from Syria needed much of what was available. If you have furniture to contribute, please contact Shelly Davies at St. Luke Lutheran Church 717-261-1213 or Don Greer at Trinity Lutheran Church 717-263-8156.

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.

LARC LENT 2025 (continued)

PARKING THIS WEEK

March 12- If Philadelphia Avenue in front of Trinity Lutheran is closed, you are welcome to use the entrance off Commerce Street or Ruff Alley.

THEME: Flourishing as Disciples

Date and Time: 7:00	Weekly Theme	Location	Preacher
March 12	Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12	Trinity Lutheran 431 Philadelphia Ave	Mother Patricia Dickson
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





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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.