



Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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7
4th Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

Welcome and Announcements *(Please pass the attendance pad along the pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.)*

Opening Hymn: “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing” (ELW 613) *(on back page)*

***Confession & 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.

Prayer of the Day

**God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism
clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of 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.

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹ The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm 32

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes
no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered
away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and
night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of
summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not
conceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to
the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my
sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their
prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall
not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from
trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way
that you should go;**

I will guide you with my eye.

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have
no understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else
they will not stay near you.”

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in
the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in
the LORD;

shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-7

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

"The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Pastor Hans Anderson

Message- "Valley of Loss"

Pastor Hans Anderson



Song of the Day: "Amazing Grace" (ELW 779)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Amazing Grace". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains five lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The third system contains four lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

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*Statement of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

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 the People:

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

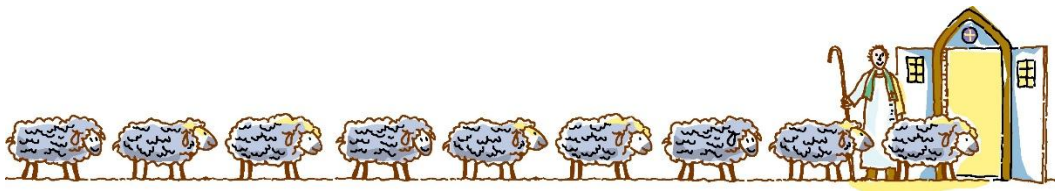
God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion. Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. We pray for the following..... God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.



Offering

*Offertory 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.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

† Communion †



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.

Holy Communion Distribution

Babies N Bibles & Club 45 go upstairs to the Nursery

*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.

*Sending Hymn: "O, Living Breath of God" (ELW 407)



1 *So-plo de Dios vi-vien - te que en el prin-ci - pio cu-bris-te el a - gua,*
1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up - on the wa - ters;
2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



So - plo de Dios vi - vien - te que fe - cun - da - ste la cre - a - ción:
O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain / Estribillo



Ven hoy a nues-tras al - mas, in - fún - de - nos tus do - nes;
Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



So - plo de Dios vi - vien - te, oh San-to E - spí - ri - tu del Se - ñor.
O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe in us as we pray.

***Dismissal:**

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

Thanks be to God!



Reader:
Communion Server:
Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt
Sound: Val Johnson
Ushers: Paul Pearson, Jace & Vince Norman
Altar Guild: Val Johnson & Jodi Perry
Coffee Counter: Hoplin Families
Brenda Anderson

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Babies N Bibles and Club 45 following communion

Fellowship & Coffee Time 10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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SOUP SUPPER 5:00 PM

Lenten Service 6:00 PM

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Dorcas Circle 9:00 AM

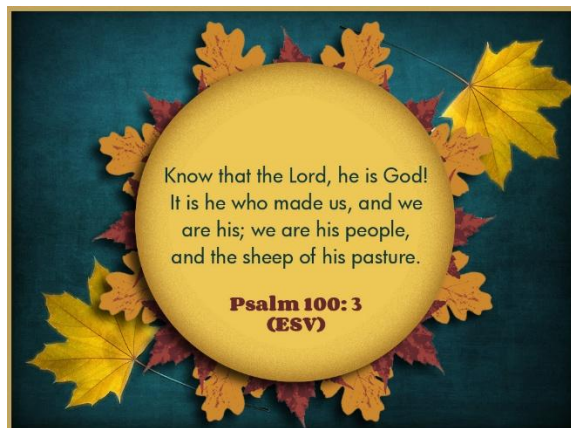
Sunday, April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Babies N Bibles and Club 45 following communion

Fellowship & Coffee Time 10:00 AM



Announcements

To view **Sunday Services** via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue “Join a Meeting” link at the top center of your screen. Type in the following Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID 893 3233 9261 Passcode: 053380

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. This week’s bulletin is sponsored by the Lindquist family in remembrance of Evan The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup suppers for 2025 are continuing through April 9. The sign up sheet for volunteers and food donations is posted in the narthex.

Please come every Wednesday for a warm meal and the Lenten Church Service. Food for your body and soul—begins at 5:00 pm and done by 7:00 pm

A Lenten Stewardship Project

First Lutheran Church Women will be collecting donations of bars of soap.

The collection box will be in the church narthex. Donations can be given anytime the church is open. The bars of soap collected will be given to the My Little Church, the Tiger’s Den Food Shelf and the Pine River Backus Food Shelf.

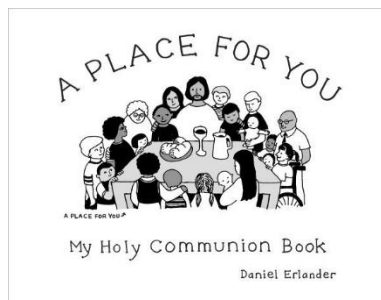


FLCW continues to collect used eyeglasses for donation to the Minnesota Lions Club. Accepted are eyeglasses (frames with lenses intact), non-prescription eyeglasses and reading glasses. (no lenses without frames or frames without lenses please). The basket for these donations is on the small table as you come in the side door by the Seek Him Room.



Please make sure you designate your Choice Dollars by March 31st, or they are forfeited. Thank you.

Last week’s **Noisy Offering** will be giving \$_____ to the Pine River Backus Food Shelf. March is Minnesota Food Shelf month. Thank you for donating!



Wednesdays in Lent we are using this workbook immediately following the Holden Evening Worship to meet and discuss in small groups. It has been very well received. Please join us!

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Grace Anderson



Those in the service...

Senior Master Sergeant Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Major A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau

E-6 Nathaniel & E-6 Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Mar. 23, 2025

Attendance: 57

Offering

Mar. 23, 2025	<u>\$1,008.00</u>	Weekly Budget:	\$3,301.40
Direct Deposit:	\$ 475.00		
Total Offerings:	\$1,483.00		

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

2024-2025 Giving:	\$92,424.67	Expenses:	\$87,359.91
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Income less Expenses for February:

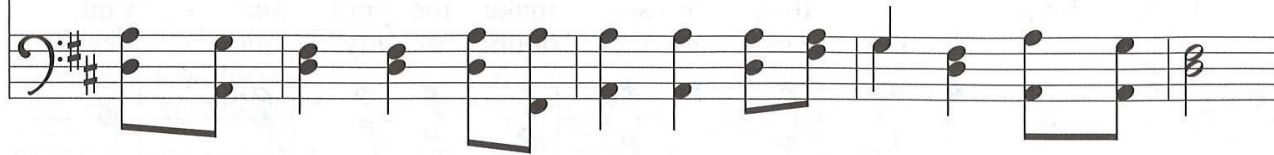
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If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-9166 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com

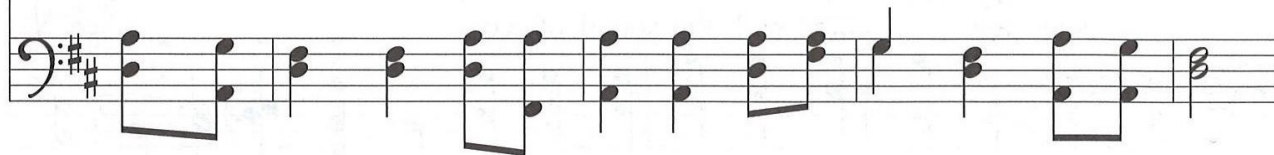
Opening Hymn: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



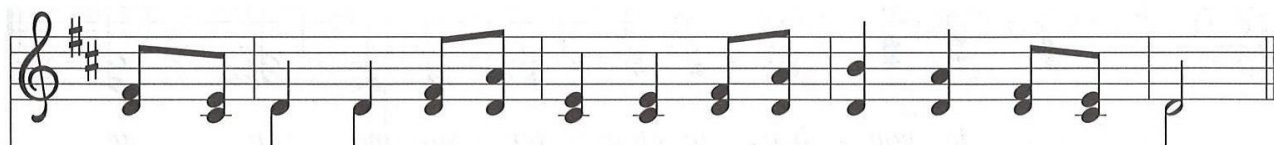
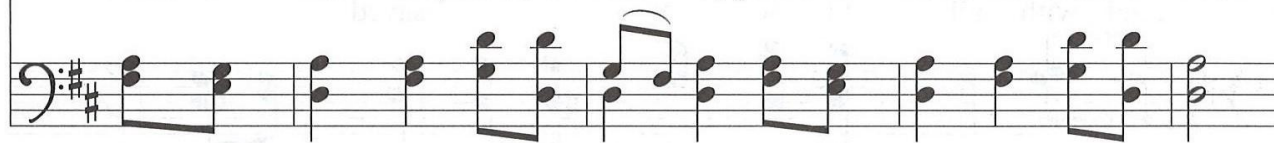
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

