



Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

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

Opening Hymn: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" (ELW 319)

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.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
Music: A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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***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

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.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹“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, ² 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. ³ 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.’ ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ 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. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ 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; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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.”

Psalm 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 I¹ 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.
- ¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth 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, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. 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.”



*Gospel Announcement

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

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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 tested 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 all this authority and their glory, 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 led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said 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.
Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

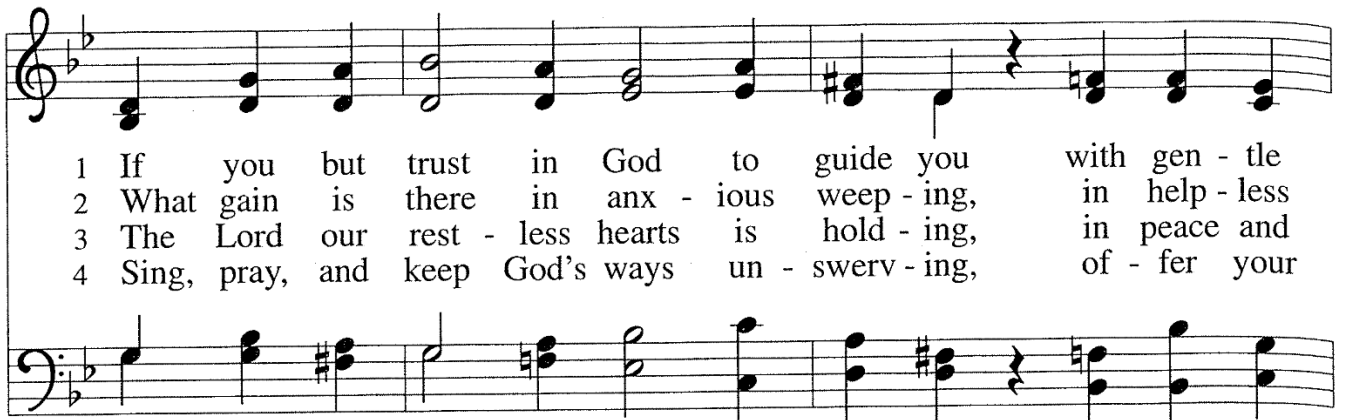
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Message- “Valley of Temptation”

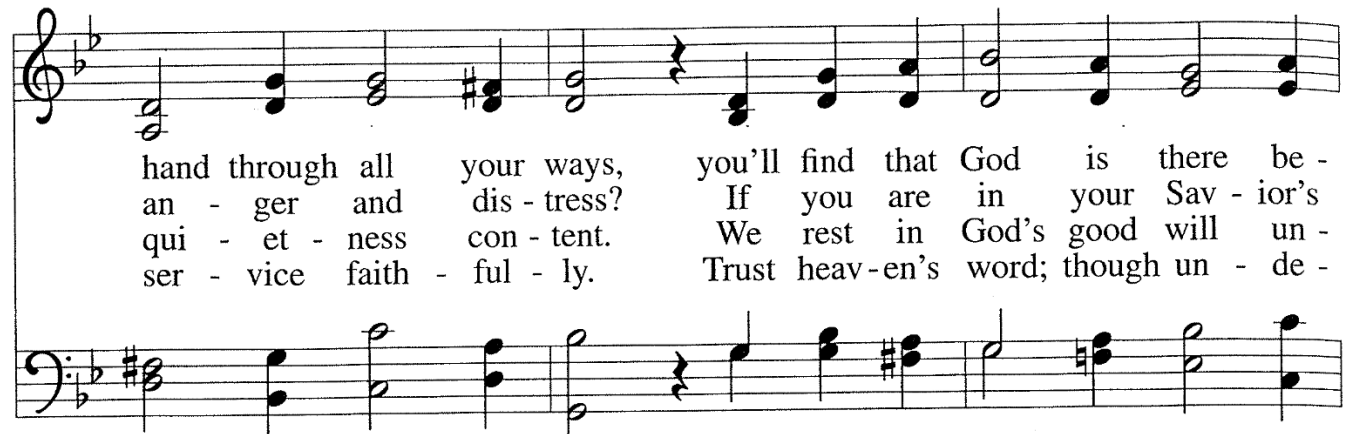
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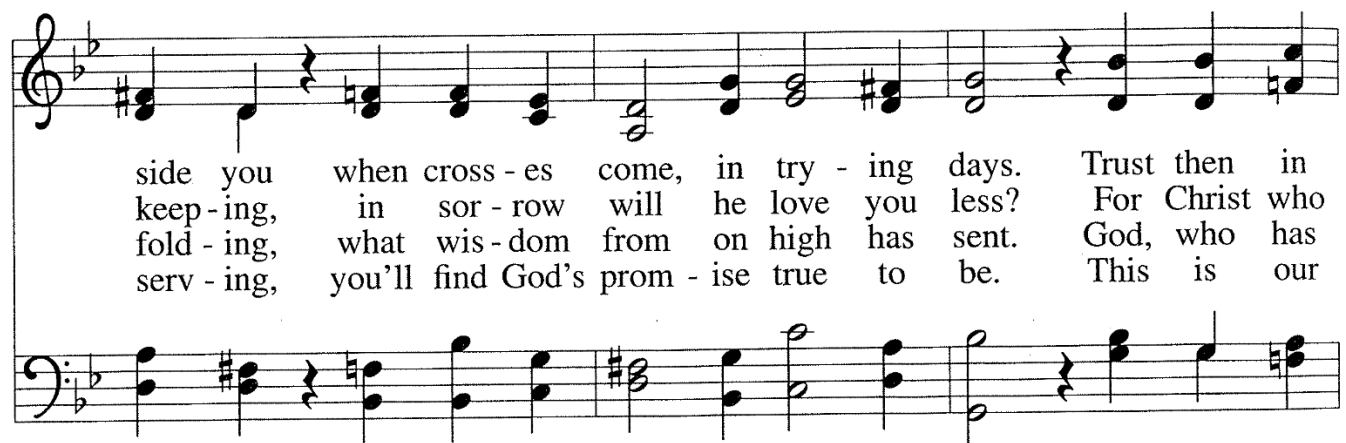
Song of the Day: "If You but Trust in God to Guide You" (ELW 769)



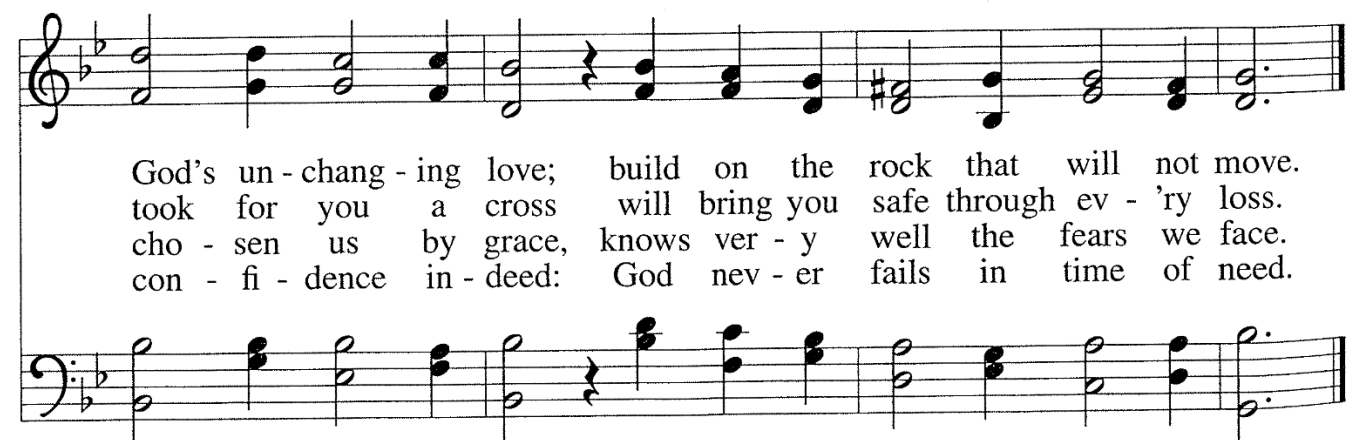
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

***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.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

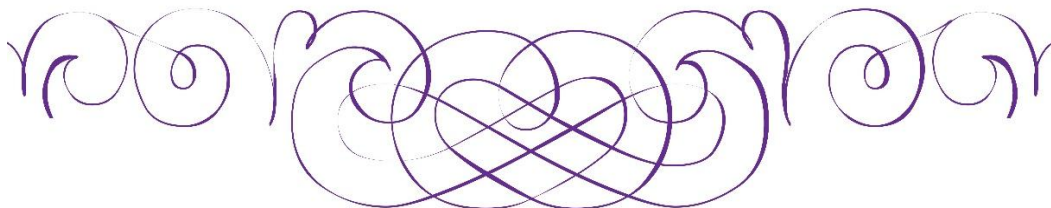
receive our prayer.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for the following..... 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

♩ = 100 C N.C. F G

Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the
prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord.

*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: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (LBW 774)



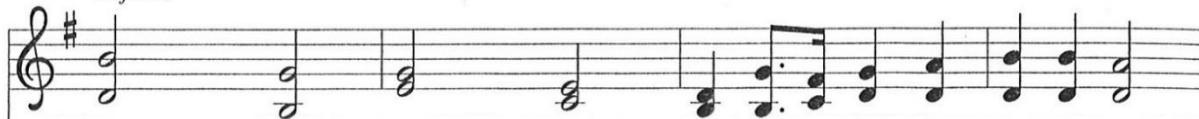
1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



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



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



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



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

***Dismissal:**

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

Thanks be to God!



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

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Babies N Bibles and Club 45 following communion

Fellowship & Coffee Time 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

WOW 3:30 PM

SOUP SUPPER 5:00 PM

Lenten Service 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Babies N Bibles and Club 45 following communion

Fellowship & Coffee Time 10:00 AM

Church Council 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

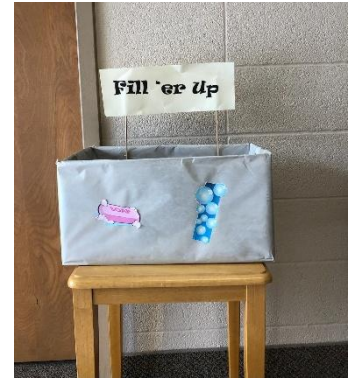
Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

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.



Global Health Ministries (GHM) Update: First, thank you for the items generously donated so far.

Question: What about donated medical equipment? **Answer:** Students in the biomedical engineering program at the University of Minnesota/Twin Cities have contacted GHM, "May we partner with GHM to inspect and repair donated equipment? YES!!

This is all that is still needed for the newborn kits: 7 lightweight bath towels, 5 baby washcloths and 4 newborn hats!

Once we have the rest of these items, could we plan a time to assemble these kits? Probably during fellowship time. THANK YOU Mary Krecklau

The NE MN Synod has launched a new endowment, the EMMAUS FUND. The Emmaus Fund supports leadership development, youth and young adult engagement, and congregational outreach by providing micro-grants for new ministry programs and opportunities across the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. Our goal for Synod Assembly is \$10,000 - with a promised match of the same amount

Dear Families with younger children: we enthusiastically welcome you and your growing family to celebrate the worship service with us. *Please relax.* We understand that God put the wiggle in children and we want them to feel welcome -- it's their church, too! Be sure to participate in the service as kids learn how to "do" church by watching you. Quiet activity bags are available in the back of the church. Talk about church at home and in the car and address any curiosities children have.

Finally, THANK YOU for joining us -- we know it takes a lot of hard work and effort to get here.!

Families as you register your children for **Summer Bible Camp** REMEMBER: First Lutheran Church will pay all Summer Bible Camp Costs after the deposit. (If deposit is a challenge contact Denice Smith at 218-820-4522). Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of the camper's family. Carpooling has been a tradition in the past. Camp registration information is available at www.vlm.org. There are early registration, sibling and bring a friend discounts.



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. 2, 2025

Attendance: 90

Offering

Mar. 2, 2025	\$3,960.00	Weekly Budget:	\$3,301.40
Direct Deposit:	\$ 405.00		
Total Offerings:	\$4,365.00		

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

2024-2025 Giving:	\$83,656.41	Expenses:	\$78,382.28
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Income less Expenses for February:

\$12,034.00 - \$12,639.41 = (-\$605.41)

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

