

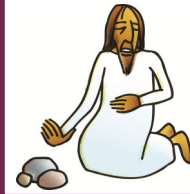


First Lutheran Church

Welcome. We are happy you are here!

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Sunday, March 9, 2025 · First Sunday of Lent



These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful; Where streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name; Blessed be Your Name when I'm found in the desert place, When I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name; Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Chorus: ***Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name;
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.***

Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me; When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your Name; Blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering; Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name; Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say. **Chorus 2 times**

You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your Name". **Repeat
Chorus 2 times**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE

Have Mercy On Us Lord

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair. Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory be to God

ELW pg 204, vs 1

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth.
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord God, **C: 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.**

MUSICAL MESSAGE

This Is the Day - Dan Forrest

Jubilate Choir

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

R: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
C: will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
R: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
C: no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
R: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
C: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
R: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
C: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
R: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.
C: With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.
R: The word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
¹Jesus, 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. ³The 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.' " ⁵Then 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. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " ⁹Then 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.
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Joe Skogmo

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Eagle's Wings

ELW #787

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.
2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**
3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **Refrain**
4. For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
Final refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand; and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

C: 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 THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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; and 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.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

NOISY OFFERING

March: Becker County Food Pantry

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW #473

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

DEDICATION OF CENTERPIECES

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Father, let Your kingdom come. Father, let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.
Father, let Your kingdom come. Father, let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

Chorus: Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us, forgive us As we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us From the evil one. Let Your kingdom come.

Repeat verse and chorus.

It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours. The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours. It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours. Forever and ever, the kingdom is Yours.
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On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

SENDING P: Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKS

The 2025 FLC Lenten Devotional book written by you—for you is ready to be picked up! Grab your copy today!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

As we continue our focus on Love Your Neighbor, we invite you to join us in the library on **Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 am** to learn how the Becker County DAC empowers adults with disabilities to thrive in the community. Executive Director Sarah Hill and VRS/Employment Specialist Brianna Johnson will share how the DAC programs provide integrated, person-centered services to assist individuals in developing and achieving goals. Learn how you can help.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Are you interested in growing and sharing your faith and Christian life practices with other women? Join us **each Thursday morning from 9-10:30am** in the church library. Currently, we are studying the book *Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine* by James W. Moore. For more text or call Phyllis Neuenfeldt:(218)770-4261.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

Join us each week as we explore the theme "Theology of Play" during our Wednesday Lenten services **at 12:05 & 6pm**. Our noon services are followed by a light lunch.

EASTER FLOWERS

Spring has sprung, and we are once again offering the opportunity to sponsor Easter flowers in honor/memory of your loved ones. Order forms and further information can be found on the volunteer table, or scan the QR Code.



PIE AUCTION

The annual YMF pie auction is on Sunday **April 6**. We need people to donate pies, if you are able to donate, please sign up at the volunteer table or scan the QR code below. The proceeds of the auction will help fund the youth trip to South Dakota this summer!



DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are needed for the upcoming 2nd grade Service Project supporting the Humane Society of the Lakes. They are requesting donations of their top 3 most urgent needs: Kitty litter, canned puppy food and canned kitten food. Please bring items to the church office by **March 19** at 5pm.

FOUNDATION BOARD UPDATE

The First Lutheran Church Foundation of Detroit Lakes serves the mission of the church through financial giving exclusively for charitable, religious, literary, or educational purposes. Our January quarterly meeting did not include any funding requests. However, other notes and reminders include:

- The FLC Foundation has approved and funds have been contributed to a new Capital Projects and Maintenance Fund. This may be contributed to by directing donations to this purpose.
- Scholarships applications awarded by the Foundation are due March 31.

CREATION CARE NOTE

If you are planning spring planting projects, consider native plants first, then consider pollinator friendly species, then drought resistant species. Check out the FLC pollinator plot for plant ideas. Remember Detroit lakes is in USDA Planting Zone 3b.

Today's **altar flowers** are given
In honor of

**Delbert & Nora
Saarinen's**

**65th Wedding
Anniversary!**



Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegscheid, Cole Woltjer, Joyce Gilbertson, Doreen Tollefson, Judie Wood, Nyah Visser, Tim Goff, Marge Prechel, Tom Tovson, and baby Thatcher Warfield, Vern

Prayers of comfort for the families of Ken Christianson and the family of baby Holly Kathleen Colby.

VISITORS

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