



First Lutheran Church

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Wednesday, February 14, 2024 · 6:00 PM · Ash Wednesday



WELCOME—On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW #606, vs. 1 & 3

- 1 Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.
- 3 O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P/C: Gracious God, **we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and lead us to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

MUSICAL MESSAGE

Jubilate Choir

FIRST READING

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

John 10:10-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joe Skogmo

SONG OF THE DAY

How Small Our Span of Life

ELW #636, vs. 1 & 3

- 1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
a single beat within the heart, the catching of a breath,
a drop within the ocean's deep, a grain upon the shore,
a flash of light before we sleep to see the sun no more.
- 3 O Christ, you left eternity to plunge in time's swift stream,
to share the shortness of our span, our mortal lives redeem.
You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end
and touch us with your risen life that ours may time transcend

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

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

NOISY OFFERING

Patriot Assistance Dogs in Detroit Lakes

Patriot Assistance Dogs provides highly trained, certified psychiatric service dogs to qualified U.S. Military veterans.

January Noisy Total: \$635.86 to Lutheran Social Services of MN

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

IMPOSITION OF ASHES & HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

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.

Imposition of Ashes and Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

C: Gracious God, we have been marked with ashes and the sign of the cross and reminded who we are: imperfect, mortal, and loved. As you have cared for us, transform us to serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW #793, vs. 1, 3 & 4

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

Welcome Visitor!

Date of Visit: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am a guest of: _____ I am a member of: _____

I am interested in learning more about First Lutheran Church.



Join us for Lenten Services!

*Wednesdays at 12:05 PM
February 21 thru March 20*

A free will offering meal will be offered following the services.
Wednesday evening services will continue as usual.

Join us for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28

Services will be offered at
12:05 PM & 6:00 PM

These service will be held in the dining room with a meal included.

Good Friday

Friday, March 29

Services will be offered at
12:05 PM & 6:00 PM

These services will be in the sanctuary. No meals will be served following the services.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Services will be offered at
8:30 AM
9:30 AM
10:45 AM

Join us for Worship!

RADIO: KDLM 1340-AM & 93.1-FM at 10 AM.

WEBCAST: Live-streamed on firstlutheranchurch.com

IN PERSON: In the sanctuary Wednesdays at 6 PM or Sundays at 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM.

TELEVISION: On Saturdays at 9 AM on Arvig Cable channel 14.

Ways to Give



ONLINE—firstlutheranchurch.com—One-time, weekly, monthly or quarterly. Checking, savings or credit card. *(fees associated with credit card usage)*

TEXT—218-228-3228—Text your donation amount to the number listed above and follow instructions that are texted to you. (We suggest you add the phone number above as a contact in your phone for future use.)

CHECK/CASH—912 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501



2024 Easter Flowers

Easter is made more beautiful with a lovely garden of flowers in our sanctuary. If you would like to share flowers, fill out this form and leave it at the church office.

Type of Flower: **\$8.50 each** Azaleas Asiatic Lily Mums

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

- Attached is \$ _____ for the total order above. Return Slip into Office before Sunday, March 24.
- Please make checks payable to: First Lutheran Flower Fund.
- Flowers can be picked up after the 10:45 service on Easter Sunday and before Sunday, April 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES—We will be offering Lenten Worship Services Wednesdays at noon. These worship services will begin on Wednesday, February 21 and continue each Wednesday through March 20. A free will offering meal will be offered following the noon service. The Wednesday nights services will continue as usual with the Oasis meal being served at 5 PM before the worship service at 6 PM.

REBEKAH CIRCLE MEETING DATE CHANGE—The Rebekah Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, February 20 at 9 AM in the Conference Room. Please note that this is the 3rd Tuesday of the month instead of the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN—Are you interested in growing and sharing your faith and Christian life practices with other women? We invite you to join a small group of women in a Bible/book study each Thursday morning from 8:00-9:30 in the church library. We share prayer concerns and pray before joining in a discussion of a book of the Bible or a Bible-related book. Currently, we are studying the women of the Old Testament. For further information, text or call Phyllis Neuenfeldt at (218)770-4261.

LIONS CLUB GLASSES & HEARING AID COLLECTION—First Lutheran Church is helping to collect glasses (including reading glasses) and hearing aids for those in need for the local Lions Club. Please put them in the donation bin on the volunteer sign-up table in the commons area.

CLOTHING ITEMS NEEDED—We are collecting men's and women's seasonal donations for the Blessing Closet Resource Room in the main office for those that come to us in need. Please place donations in the bins outside the main office. Items we are collecting at this time includes: **Clothing** - shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, pants, socks, underwear, bras; **Outerwear** - coats, hats, gloves/mittens; **Footwear** - shoes and boots; **Bedding**—blankets, sleeping bags, bedding sets.

DREAM BIG UPDATE!—For the past few months, members of our congregation have been Dreaming BIG about how a First Lutheran Church building renovation could further our church's mission and provide a more welcoming space to carry out our ministries and programs. Join us at 9:30 AM on Sunday, February 18th, in the library to hear a summary of these dreams and share your input.

WILL SOLAR WORK AT MY HOUSE?—Have you ever wondered if solar is an option for you? How much does it really cost to get solar panels installed? What would be the pay-back on my investment? How does it really work? If only there were someone I could trust to answer all my questions. If you have been thinking about these and other questions regarding residential solar power, you have an opportunity to talk with someone about this on Sunday March 10th at 9:30 in the church library. Pastor Joe is excited to tell us all how solar power is working for his family. Come and listen in. It might be an option for your family.

MEN'S DAYBREAK BIBLE STUDY—As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17) Are you wanting more interaction with Christian men and Bible study? The Mens's Daybreak Bible Study is an opportunity for you to do just that. You are invited to join a group of men who gather Wednesday mornings from 6:30 to 7:30 AM at the Holiday Inn restaurant and study the bible and pray together. Come and see how Proverbs 27:17 applies to you. Contact Tom Neuenfeldt at 218-770-0561 for more information.

EASTER FLOWERS—The order forms for Easter Flowers are now available. They can be found on the volunteer table or in the narthex. Completed forms can be dropped off in the office or placed in the deposit slot to the right of the office door.

WOMEN'S CO-COUNCIL MEETING—The Co-Council will meet on Wednesday, February 21 at 9:30 AM in the FLC Conference Room.

BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED—The Developmental Achievement Center (DAC) is seeking silent auction baskets or other donations from FLC for their silent auction fundraiser on February 29th, 2024. They are raising money for a sensory room to assist with sensory overload, emotion regulation, motor skills and simulation. If you want to contribute financially they are accepting donations at Beckercountydac.org - using their donate button. Please drop all baskets off in the church office by Monday, February 26.



Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake
Joe Morrison
Bill Wegscheid
Dave Nustad
Isaak Berg
Liz Mathison
Dick Dahlin
Sam Haverkamp
Ardis Hegna
Judy Ford
Steve
B.R.
David
Brian
Marlene
Michelle

Prayers of Comfort to the family of

Bev Skogen
Ruth Seal
Fern Brown

Names are kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks; please update the office, if you wish to remain on the list longer.



CREATION CARE NOTE

Meat can cost at least 10 times more than plant based protein per serving. Plant protein is good for your budget, your cholesterol level, and the planet.