

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Opening Hymn: "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" (ELW 304)

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Holy God,
People: **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.
We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.
Amen.**

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these words:

Pastor: Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day:**

Pastor: Let us pray

People: **Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust;**

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly
treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;**
teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your
steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸**Good and upright is the LORD;**
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love
and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his
decrees.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

***Gospel Announcement**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Mark 1:9-15**

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

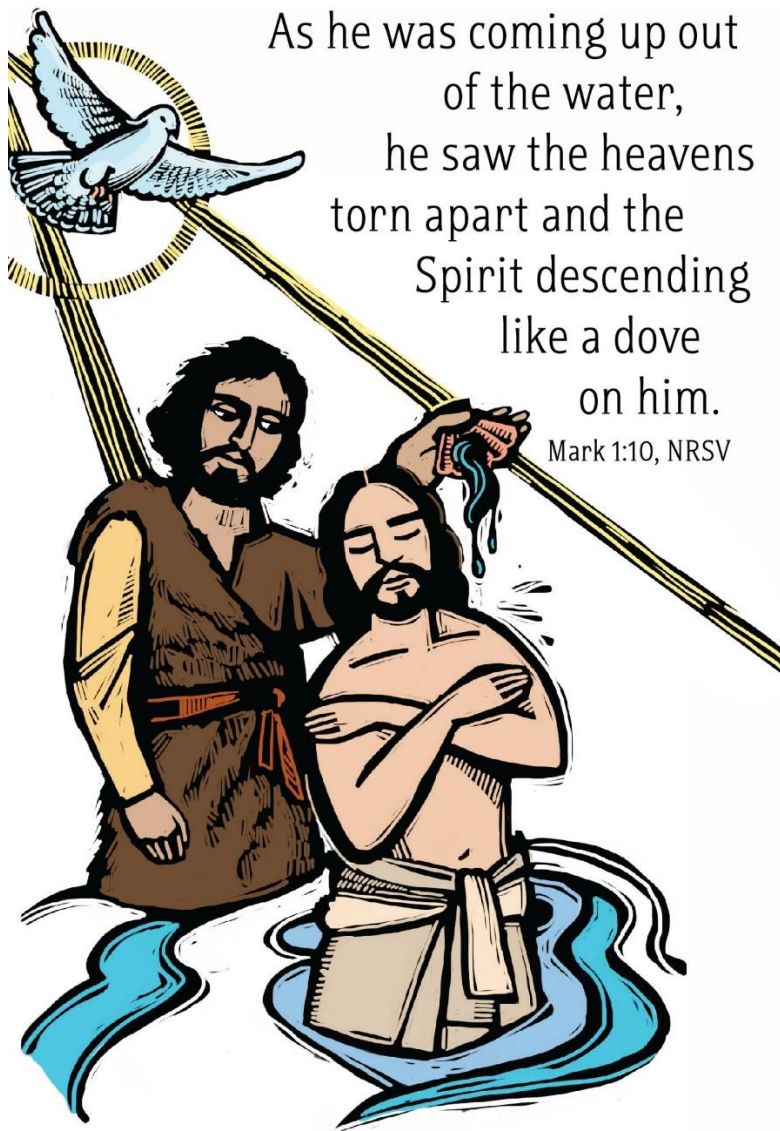
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon- “Baptized and Begun”

Pastor Hans Anderson



As he was coming up out
of the water,
he saw the heavens
torn apart and the
Spirit descending
like a dove
on him.

Mark 1:10, NRSV

Song of the Day: "Bless Now, O God, The Journey" (ELW 326)

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.

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 Music: Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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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 Intercession:**

Pastor: Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Pastor: God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people. Hear us, O God.,

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior..

People: Amen.

Offering

***Offertory Prayer**

**People: Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

We pray this in your name.

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 †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.
Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.
Gluten free wafers are available from the communion server upon request.
You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.*

Holy Communion Distribution

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and organ accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the lyrics: "This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with". The second system contains: "mer-cy and love. with mer - cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,". The third system contains: "bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one." The organ part provides harmonic support with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
Music: Anne Krentz Organ
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***Post Communion Blessing**

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
People: Amen.

***Post Communion Prayer**

**People: Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
Amen.**

***Blessing:**

**Pastor: God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and † give you peace.**

People: Amen.

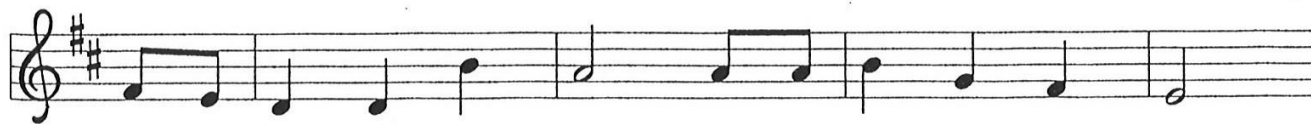
***Sending Hymn: "Baptized and Set Free" (ELW 453)**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

*Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace. Share your bread.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Reader:

Communion Assistants:

Zoom:

Tyler Hoplin

Sound:

Denice Smith

Ushers:

Paul Pearson & Matt Shamp

Altar Guild:

Jan Brasel & Leigh Metcalf

Counter:

Holly Knutson

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 18, 2024

1st Sunday in Lent

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

9:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship,

10:00 AM

Sunday School

10:15 AM

Church Council

10:30 AM

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Lenten Worship

Soup Supper

5:30 PM

Holden Evening Prayer

6:30 PM

Friday, February 23, 2024

Pastor Hans' BIRTHDAY

Sunday, February 25, 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

9:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship,

10:00 AM

Sunday School

10:15 AM

If you are not able to attend the Worship Service in person, you will still be able to listen to the sermon or watch video of the service online at the First Lutheran website.

Links will be on First Lutheran's website and on our Facebook page by Monday morning.

New Orleans style Beignets

Support our Senior High Youth!



First Lutheran has 8 senior high youth and 2 adults attending the National Youth Gathering this Summer. 30 to 40 thousand youth from all over the country will be coming together to gather, worship and serve in New Orleans...a.k.a "NOLA or the Big Easy." On Sunday mornings in Lent, the Senior High youth will be serving these delicious pastries for a free-will fundraiser. Please support the youth and support

your craving... Buy a Beignet. Beignets are a doughnut like pastry that accompany a cup of coffee wonderfully! Dates to dine delightfully... **February 18th & 25th.**
March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.



Announcements

Sunday Services at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. To join us via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue "Join a Meeting" link at the top center of your screen. (You won't need to create an account.) Type in the appropriate Meeting ID number and click the blue "Join" button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID 823 6162 1569 Passcode 367288.

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

Meals On Wheels is in desperate need of volunteer drivers. Meals on Wheels serves the Pine River and Pequot Lakes area. You can drive one day a week, or up to five. Each day's deliveries take between an hour and an hour and a half, starting at 10:00AM. Please call Evie Fairchild @ 218-587-2921, if you are able to help or would like more information. THANK YOU

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.

Next Week's **Noisy Offering** will be going to Heifer International. Heifer International works to end hunger and poverty with the communities they serve. By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, they are investing in a new breed of success. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Barb Richards

Lars Larson

Clifford, great grandson of Leonard and Jan Nelson

Bonnie Bandy, sister of Shirley Schmidt

Andy Anderson

Denny Aleckson

Harvey and Marion Kelley

Penny Siewert



Those in the service...

MSgt Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

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

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024 Attendance: 80

Offering:

Feb. 11, 2024	\$1,766.00	Weekly Budget:	\$3,132.40
Direct Deposit:	\$ 75.00		
Monthly Transfer:	\$1,916.00		
Total Offering:	\$3,757.00		

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

Giving:	\$70,374.05	Expenses:	\$55,178.06
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Income less Expenses for January:

\$12,879.67 - \$10,968.45 = \$1,911.22

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-2969 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com

The Chosen

Lenten Challenge: For anyone who has not joined us for the Chosen Videos this past Fall, the Lenten Challenge will be to watch them at home. For people who have seen the videos, please read the corresponding scripture and/or rewatch episodes:

<https://www.angel.com/the-chosen>

We will start the videos again as a group on April 3, 2024.

“You are Chosen.” The sermon series will be based on the first 6 “chosen” episodes. The format for Wednesday Evenings will be 5:30 soup & 6:30 worship. Holden Evening Prayer will be sung on Wednesdays this Lent.

Wednesday Lent Schedule

February 21 st	Soup Supper	“I Have Called You by Name”
February 28 th	Soup Supper	“Shabbat”
March 6 th	Soup Supper	“Jesus Loves the Little Children”
March 13 th	Soup Supper	“The Rock on Which It is Built”
March 20 th	Soup Supper	“The Wedding Gift”
March 27 th	Soup Supper	“Indescribable Compassion”

