

# Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Pastor Hans Anderson

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 17, 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: "Glorify Thy Name"**

### **Verse 1**

Father we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

### **Verse 2**

Jesus we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

### **Verse 3**

Spirit we love You

We worship and adore You

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth



## **\*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:** **O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.  
Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live  
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen**

## **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:33-34**

<sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.



## Psalm 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> **Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> **You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

## Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you”;

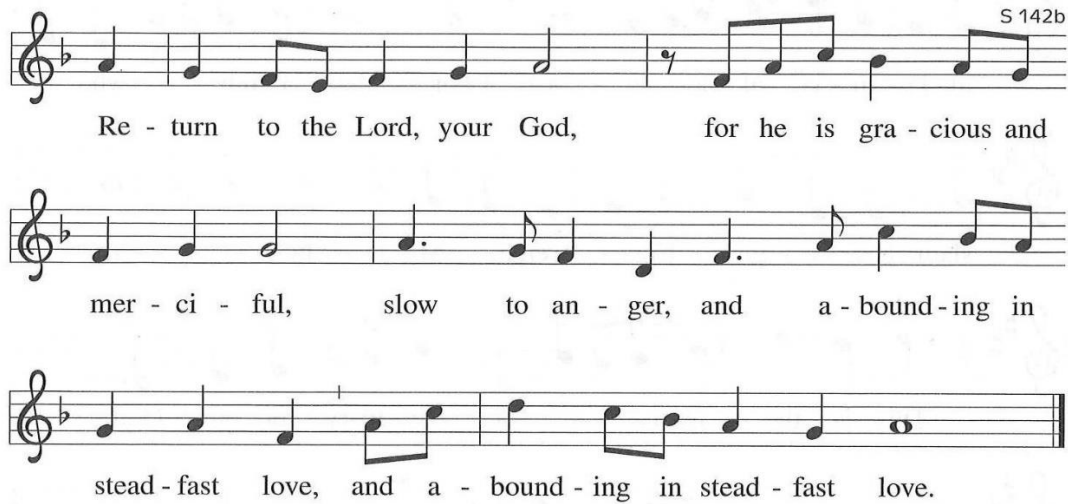
<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, <sup>9</sup> and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.



## Gospel Acclamation



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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## \*Gospel Announcement

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

\*Gospel: John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is seated.*

Children’s Message

Sermon- “Glorified”

Pastor Hans Anderson

## **Song of the Day: "I Believe in Jesus"**

### Verse 1

I believe in Jesus  
I believe He is the Son of God  
I believe He died and rose again  
I believe He paid for us all

### Chorus 1

I believe He is here now  
Standing in our midst  
Here with the power to heal now  
And the grace to forgive

### Verse 2

I believe in You Lord  
I believe You are the Son of God  
I believe You died and rose again  
I believe You paid for us all

### Chorus 2

And I believe You're here now  
(I believe that You're here)  
Standing in our midst  
Here with the power to heal now  
(With the power to heal)  
And the grace to forgive



## **\*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.**

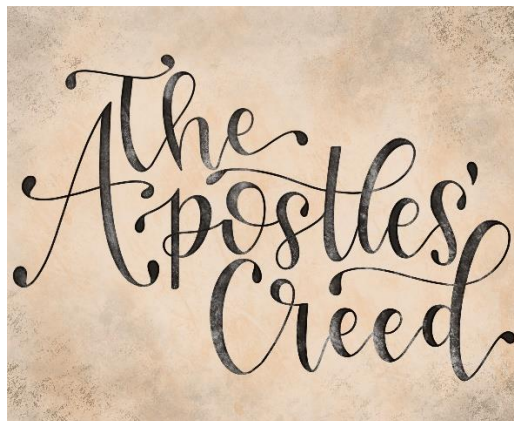
**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**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 of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*). Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. 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

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and  
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*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.*

**Special Music**

Lisa Barnett

Accompanied by Erin Anderson



## Holy Communion Distribution

### \*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: "We Will Glorify"

#### Verse 1

We will glorify the King of kings  
We will glorify the Lamb  
We will glorify the Lord of lords  
Who is the great I Am

#### Verse 2

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty  
We will bow before His throne  
We will worship Him in righteousness  
We will worship Him alone

#### Verse 3

He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth  
He is Lord of all who live  
He is Lord above the universe  
All praise to Him we give

#### Verse 4

Hallelujah to the King of kings  
Hallelujah to the Lamb  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords  
Who is the great I Am

### \*Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace. Share your bread.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

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**Reader:**  
**Communion Assistants:**  
**Zoom:** Cora Hohnstadt  
**Sound:** Denice Smith  
**Ushers:** Paul Pearson & Vincent Norman  
**Altar Guild:** Annette Newton, Gloria Johnson  
**Counter:** Brenda Anderson

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, March 17, 2024

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

Worship Service ( <i>in-person &amp; Zoom</i> )	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship, <b>BEIGNETS!!! LAST CHANCE</b>	10:00 AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM
Church Council	10:15 AM

### Wednesday, March 20, 2024

*Lenten Worship*

Soup Supper	5:30 PM
Holden Evening Prayer	6:30 PM

### Thursday, March 21, 2024

Dorcas Circle	9:00 AM
Naomi Circle at the home of Marlys Struthers	1:30 PM

### Sunday, March 24, 2024

*Palm Sunday/Noisy Offering*

Worship Service ( <i>in-person &amp; Zoom</i> )	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.*

**“Quiet Activity Bags”** are available for children’s use during worship. They are at the back of the sanctuary on the right-hand side.



# 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

Gordon Greenwald, friend of Cora Hohnstadt

## Those grieving...

The family of Pat Hardy with her recent passing

## Those in the service...

MSgt Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

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

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Attendance: 46

#### Offering:

Mar. 10, 2024      \$1,110.00      Weekly Budget:    \$3,132.40

Direct Deposit:    \$    75.00

Monthly Transfer: \$2,616.00

Total Offering:    \$3,801.00

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

Giving:    \$81,972.05      Expenses:    \$67,719.02

Income less Expenses for February:

\$11,473.25 - \$10,623.83 = \$849.42

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](mailto:pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com)

## Announcements

To view **Sunday Services** via Zoom, go to [www.zoom.us](http://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 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.

**Next Week’s Noisy Offering** will be going to the Pine River Backus Food Shelf. March is Food Shelf month. Thank you for donating to this cause.

### 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.

**New Member Classes** are April 7 and 14<sup>th</sup>, with New Member Sunday on April 28. Please see Pastor Hans if interested.

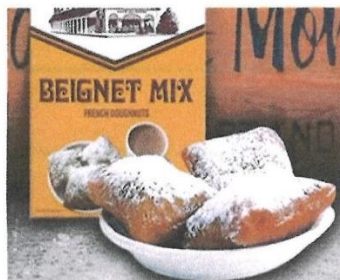
**Save the Date!** April 12, at 7 pm the Legacy Chorale will be performing here. Invite your friends and neighbors!

This morning the Ladies Legion Auxiliary will be serving a St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast from 9-noon, at the American Legion. Costs are \$6.00 for children and \$12.00 for adults. We hope to see you there!

### TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO ENJOY THE BEIGNETS

#### New Orleans style Beignets

#### Support our Senior High Youth!



your craving... Buy a Beignet. Beignets are a doughnut like pastry that accompany a cup of coffee wonderfully!

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



The Senior High Youth attending the National Youth Gathering are **Ashley Shamp, Maddie Knapp, Kaya Anderson, Hudson Juel, Zairion English, Camden Zinda, Blake Hoplin, and Bella Raasch**. The adults accompanying these youth are **Pastor Hans Anderson and Kayci Finley**.

# 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

March 20<sup>th</sup>

Soup Supper

“The Wedding Gift”

March 27<sup>th</sup>

Soup Supper

“Indescribable Compassion”

