

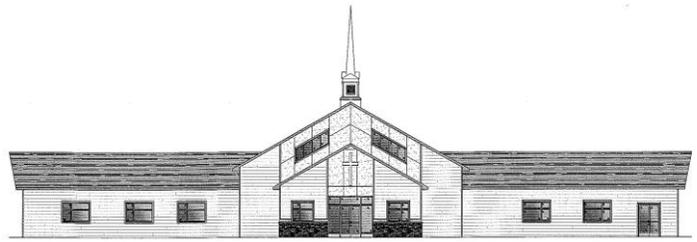
Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

*Call to Worship

P I was glad when they said to me,

C **Let us go to the house of the Lord. †**

*Opening Hymn #499 (LBW) – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Prayer of the Day

*Confession of Sin

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Promise of Grace

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-10

I felt the powerful presence of the Lord, and his spirit took me and set me down in a valley where the ground was covered with bones. **2** He led me all around the valley, and I could see that there were very many bones and that they were very dry. **3** He said to me, "Mortal man, can these bones come back to life?" I replied, "Sovereign Lord, only you can answer that!" **4** He said, "Prophesy to the bones. Tell these dry bones to listen to the word of the Lord. **5** Tell them that I, the Sovereign Lord, am saying to them: I am going to put breath into you and bring you back to life. **6** I will give you sinews and muscles, and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you and bring you back to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord." **7** So I prophesied as I had been told. While I was speaking, I heard a rattling noise, and the bones began to join together. **8** While I watched, the bones were covered with sinews and muscles, and then with skin. But there was no breath in the bodies. **9** God said to me, "Mortal man, prophesy to the wind. Tell the wind that the Sovereign Lord commands it to come from every direction, to breathe into these dead bodies, and to bring them back to life." **10** So I prophesied as I had been told. Breath entered the bodies, and they came to life and stood up. There were enough of them to form an army.

Second Reading: Romans 8:5-11

Those who live as their human nature tells them to, have their minds controlled by what human nature wants. Those who live as the Spirit tells them to, have their minds controlled by what the Spirit wants. **6** To be controlled by human nature results in death; to be controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace. **7** And so people become enemies of God when they are controlled by their human nature; for they do not obey God's law, and in fact they cannot obey it. **8** Those who obey their human nature cannot please God. **9** But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to - if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10** But if Christ lives in you, the Spirit is life for you because you have been put right with God, even though your bodies are going to die because of sin. **11** If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you, then he who raised Christ from death will also give life to your mortal bodies by the presence of his Spirit in you.

Children's Message

Lenten Hymn #107 (LBW) – Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*Gospel Reading: John 11:1-7, 33-45

A man named Lazarus, who lived in Bethany, became sick. Bethany was the town where Mary and her sister Martha lived. **2** (This Mary was the one who poured the perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was sick.) **3** The sisters sent Jesus a message: "Lord, your dear friend is sick." **4** When Jesus heard it, he said, "The final result of this sickness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God, and it will be the means by which the Son of God will receive glory." **5** Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. **6** Yet when he received the news that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days. **7** Then he said to the disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." **33** Jesus saw her weeping, and he saw how the people with her were weeping also; his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved. **34** "Where have you buried him?" he asked them. "Come and see, Lord," they answered. **35** Jesus wept. **36** "See how much he loved him!" the people said. **37** But some of them said, "He gave sight to the blind man, didn't he? Could he not have kept Lazarus from dying?" **38** Deeply moved once more, Jesus went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone placed at the entrance. **39** "Take the stone away!" Jesus ordered. Martha, the dead man's sister, answered, "There will be a bad smell, Lord. He has been buried four days!" **40** Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believed?" **41** They took the stone away. Jesus looked up and said, "I thank you, Father, that you listen to me. **42** I know that you always listen to me, but I say this for the sake of the people here, so that they will believe that you sent me." **43** After he had said this, he called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" **44** He came out, his hands and feet wrapped in grave cloths, and with a cloth around his face. "Untie him," Jesus told them, "and let him go." **45** Many of the people who had come to visit Mary saw what Jesus did, and they believed in him.

Sermon

Baptism Hymn – I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry (v. 1-3)

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Baptism Hymn with Presentation — Borning Cry (v. 4-7)

*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Sung Blessing: Choral Benediction

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pianist	Sherry Wirth
Reader:	Linda McIntire
Greeters:	Theresa Anderson and Dale & Sherry Wirth
Ushers:	Dan Cain & Todd Lillie
Counter:	Aaron Buhr
Fellowship Servers:	Todd & Tracy Lillie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted and place in offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

Baptized into the family of God this morning is Hadley Jean Flandrick, daughter of Gabe and Emma Flandrick. Hadley's sponsors are Alexandra Mello and Mark Moser.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Mark Gilbertson, Brian Wick, Tiffany Wagner, Carrie Buhr, Levi Ramsey, and Dave & Sue Anderson, brother & sister-in-law of Mary Jo Lien. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Today is the last day to order Easter lilies. Place your order form along with payment in the offering plate. Make checks payable to First Lutheran Church.

Our Daily Bread home devotionals are available to pick up in the entry. We invite you to share with a friend.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

Youth & Family Event

SKATE City

Today, March 22nd

1:30-4:00 PM

All will meet at Skate City in Rice Lake.

Final Lenten Midweek Service

Week 5 – March 25th

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 4)

Liane Petersen & Patty Sullwold – Co-Chairpersons

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Atheist: Despair)

THIS WEEK

- Today** 11:00 AM-Fellowship
11:00 AM-First Communion Class in Sanctuary
1:30-4:00 PM-Youth & Family Roller Skating at Skate City, Rice Lake
- Tuesday** 9:00 AM-Quilting
- Wednesday** 9:00 AM-Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM-Soup
7:00 PM-Lenten Service
- Saturday** 7:30 AM-Women's Book Study
4:00 PM-Youth Set-up for Palm Sunday Brunch
- Next Sunday PALM SUNDAY**
8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship
9:00 AM-Noon-Brunch served by Servant Trip Youth
10:00 AM-Sunday School
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship (Palm Processional)
11:00 AM-First Communion Class in Sanctuary