

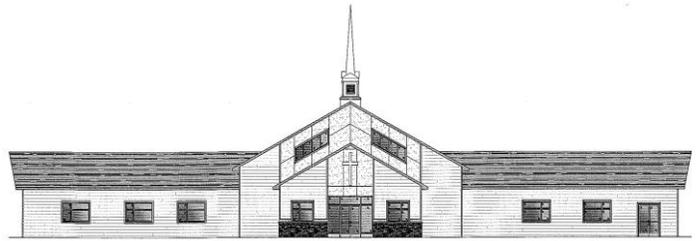
Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

*Call to Worship

P O Lord, open my lips.

C **And my mouth shall declare your praise. †**

*Opening Hymn #296 (LBW) – Just as I Am, without One Plea

*Prayer of the Day

*Confession of Sin

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C **Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against you. Some of my sin I know – the thought and words and deeds of which I am ashamed but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may have peace.**

*Promise of Grace

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-7

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. **2** “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” **4** So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. **5** He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. **6** Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. **7** The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** He has brought us by faith into this experience of God's grace, in which we now live. And so, we boast of the hope we have of sharing God's glory! **3** We also boast of our troubles, because we know that trouble produces endurance, **4** endurance brings God's approval, and his approval creates hope. **5** This hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us. **6** For when we were still helpless, Christ died for the wicked at the time that God chose. **7** It is a difficult thing for someone to die for a righteous person. It may even be that someone might dare to die for a good person. **8** But God has shown us how much he loves us - it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!

Children’s Message

Lenten Hymn #509 (LBW) – Onward, Christian Soldiers

***Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17**

There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees. **2** One night he went to Jesus and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent by God. No one could perform the miracles you are doing unless God were with him." **3** Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again." **4** "How can a grown man be born again?" Nicodemus asked. "He certainly cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time!" **5** "I am telling you the truth," replied Jesus, "that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. **6** A person is born physically of human parents but is born spiritually of the Spirit. **7** Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again. **8** The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit." **9** "How can this be?" asked Nicodemus. **10** Jesus answered, "You are a great teacher in Israel, and you don't know this? **11** I am telling you the truth: we speak of what we know and report what we have seen, yet none of you is willing to accept our message. **12** You do not believe me when I tell you about the things of this world; how will you ever believe me, then, when I tell you about the things of heaven? **13** And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven." **14** As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15** so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. **16** For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #499 (LBW) – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Council Installation

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

Blessing

Choral Benediction

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



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Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

- Pianist: Sherry Wirth
- Reader: Aaron Johnson
- Greeters: Theresa Anderson and Dale & Sherry Wirth
- Ushers: Mark & Jessica Gilbertson Family
- Counters: Jackie Goodmanson & Tim Wyss
- Potluck Servers: Hannah Eckwall and Gene & Sharon Kuhl
- March 1st Worship Attendance: 10:00 AM – 108

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. Potluck will follow worship in the hall.

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.*

Easter Lily orders are now being taken. If you would like to place an order in honor or memory of someone, order forms can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22nd. Please 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.

There are many ways to help. Please consider the sign-ups to cover snow shoveling, offering counting with a Council member, and the shed and canopy planning committees. Sheets are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

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.

Lenten Midweek Service

Week 3 – March 11th

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 1)

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Islam: A Will Submitted)

THIS WEEK

Today 11:00 AM-Potluck
Monday **6:30 PM-Church Council**
Tuesday 9:00 AM-Quilting
9:00 AM-Pastor at Clergy Meeting
Wednesday 10:00 AM-Staff Meeting
6:00 PM-Soup
7:00 PM-Lenten Service
Thursday 9:30 AM-Morning Grace Bible Study
2:00 PM-Ridgeview Bible Study
Saturday 7:30 AM-Women's Book Study
Next Sunday 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion
9:30 AM-Fellowship
10:00 AM-Sunday School
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Communion
11:00 AM-Fellowship
11:00 AM-First Communion Class