



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First  
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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you.

## **THE SERVICE BEGINS**

**P** We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

**C** O Loving God, you gave your only Son to die for us, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life;

**P** AND OF THE SON:

**C** O Jesus, our Lord, you humbled yourself, and became obedient unto death - even the death of the cross;

**P** AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**C** O Holy Spirit, guide us into all truth, and remind us of everything Jesus has taught us. Amen.

**OPENING SONG:** “You Servants of God” vv. 1 & 4

**LBW 252**

## **WE CONFESS**

**P** Let us confess our sin and griefs, and hear the comfort of the Lord.

**C** O Lord, we have often given in to temptation. We have often been weak under pressure, and because of fear or flattery, we have disobeyed you. We ask you of your great mercy, to forgive us, to make us whole, to draw us near to you, and to strengthen us for the next time we are tempted.

## **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION**

**P** Our savior is able to sympathize with our weakness, for He too was tempted by the devil. In the wilderness, Satan encouraged Jesus to use his power for himself, instead of for others. And when He was dying, some tempted Him to come down off the cross. Had He given in, we would have been lost! But He prayed, “Father, not my will, but Thine be done.” And thus strengthened, He gave himself into death for our sins. In His name, I declare to you that Jesus Christ has made full satisfaction for all your sins. Your guilt is removed. You are clean and pure, and standing in the presence of God. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** And also with you.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>{Thus says the Lord,} “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

**PSALM 119:9-16** (read by whole verse)

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**SECOND READING:**

Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him 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, after 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 him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

**GOSPEL:**

Mark 10:32-45

<sup>32</sup>{The disciples} were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he

began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.” <sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON: PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH**

**SONG:** “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”

**LBW 119**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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**BLESSING OF PERSONAL CARE KITS**

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**OFFERING**

**WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts!      **C** We lift them up to the Lord!

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**P** When Jesus instituted Holy Communion at the Last Supper, He promised His disciples that one day they would again feast together in the kingdom of heaven.

**C** Dear Lord, keep us steadfast in faith until that day!

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

#### **THE BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** "O Living Bread from Heaven" vv. 1&2      **LBW 197**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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**Attendance Last Week:** Saturday 3/13:17      Sunday, 3/14: 33      Wednesday, 3/17:22

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### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

George Vodden 3/20

Mike Sester 3/21

Oliver Ash 3/22/15

Aiden Atkinson 3/24/10

Justin Mielke 3/24

Drew Peterson 3/25

### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

Rich & Ruthann Joos 3/21/1987

Gary & Peggy Steinhorst 3/24/1990

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

At a special meeting on March 17, the Church Council delayed its action to allow optional wearing of masks on the left side of the church during Sunday worship. The Council amended the original motion by adding the underlined words: “Return to the pre-August ruling of mask choice on Sundays beginning Sunday, April 18, as follows: pulpit side is for those who wear masks, and the other side is for those who may opt not to wear masks.” The amendment delayed the beginning of the change to April 18 to allow the congregation time to prepare for the policy change. Saturday worship policy will remain unchanged.

## **PERSONAL CARE KITS**

Thank you to all who donated supplies for the personal care kits. Thank you to the crew who assembled them for shipping. There will be 104 shipped this year.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:** We have two Pastor’s profiles and will be interviewing them soon. Please pray for guidance to our next Pastor.

## **HELLO EVERYONE**

Pastor and Nancy Rasmussen send greetings to everyone. Pastor was here for the Monthly Wittenberg Door Pastor’s Fellowship and Nancy arrived later to practice on the organ. Pastor Rasmussen is keeping busy with the NALC Executive Council. They are doing well and enjoying retirement.



### Palm Sunday, March 28

**9:00 a.m.:** Communion Service with “Parade of Palms”.

### Maundy Thursday, April 1

**7:00 p.m.:** Communion service includes Individual Absolution with Laying on of Hands (hands hovering overhead) as we remember Christ’s Last supper with his disciples.

### Good Friday, April 2

**7:00 p.m.:** Good Friday Tenebrae (darkness) service. The Prayer Vigil will begin after the service.

### **HOLY WEEK PRAYER VIGIL**

Half-hour time slots offer you private time in the sanctuary for prayer and reflection. Devotional material will NOT be available this year, please bring your own Bible and/or devotional material. Sign up in the narthex at the Prayer Vigil cross to reserve your time slot.

**Note: There is no Saturday service on April 3. Prayer Vigil participation is encouraged as a meaningful alternative.**

### Saturday, April 3

**3:00 p.m.:** PRAYER VIGIL concludes (no Saturday service)

### Easter Sunday, April 4

**9:00 a.m.:** Easter Communion Service

### **EASTER MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Don’t forget to purchase an Easter Lily to remember or honor a loved one. Order forms are in the narthex. The cost is \$10 each. The completed form and payment may be placed in an Easter Memorial Garden envelope and leaving it in the church office or in the offering plate. These symbolic flowers are an excellent way to honor or memorialize loved ones. **All checks should be made out to “First Lutheran” and in the memo area write, “Memorial Garden.”** Thank you.

Sunday 3/21: Join us in Fellowship Hall for a short coffee after the service! Call Committee Meeting, 10:15am.

Tuesday 3/23: Food Pantry set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Wednesday 3/24: Confirmation class, 4pm.

Lenten Vespers Service, 6:30pm.

Saturday 3/27: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 3/28: Worship Service, 9am.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Louie Mielke will see his pulmonologist on March 17.
- Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece, continues to undergo chemo for pancreatic cancer. Jackie's 7-month-old grandson is recovering from surgery after contracting MRSA.
- Pray for our next Pastor as they listen to God's leading and our patience to wait.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All affected by violent crimes, accidents, and natural disasters.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear, and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.