



LENTEN SCHEDULE

This Lenten schedule runs each Wednesday, March 1 -29.

5:45pm – Lenten Supper

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| 3/1 Council - chili | 3/8 Lydia - Spaghetti |
| 3/15 Potluck Soup (Watch for sign-up) | |
| 3/22 Sunday School - sloppy joes | 3/29 Men - pork chops |

6:45pm –Lenten Vespers Service

The theme for all the Lenten Vespers services will be:

“PLACES OF THE PASSION”

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| 2/22 The City of Jerusalem | 3/15 Gethsemane |
| 3/1 Bethany | 3/22 The Courtyard |
| 3/8 The Mount of Olives | 3/29 Pilate’s Judgement Hall |

Confirmation class will continue to be on Thursdays at 5:30pm.

PERSONAL CARE KITS:

Thank you to all who helped provide supplies for the Personal Care kits. They will be blessed on March 11 & 12th.

SOUP SAMPLER MID-WEEK LENTEN MEAL

On Wednesday, March 15th, we will have a soup sampler Lenten dinner, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. You may bring your favorite soup to share.

PRAYER VIGIL

The Prayer Vigil is a time to have an appointment with God to share prayers and thanksgiving. This year’s prayer vigil will have two separate sessions. Please sign-up for a 30-minute time slot or two. The sessions will be offered from 8:30pm – 11pm and then again from 6am – 3pm.

Places of the Passion

Bethany



*First Lutheran Church Kirkland, Illinois
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First Lutheran Church – Putting Christ First

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“Places of the Passion”

Once again, we begin our Lenten journey – a journey of worship, repentance, discipleship, and cross-bearing. As Christians, this is truly our whole life’s journey. It is intensified during Lent. May the midweek evening services of this season inspire and strengthen you in following the One who leads his Church in mission: Jesus, our Savior.

*SERVICE OF LIGHT pp. 142-143

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you for Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, for through her generosity we catch a glimpse of your joyful and generous kingdom. By your Spirit’s power enable us to live and give like her; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*THE THANKSGIVING p. 144

THE PSALMODY p. 145

PSALM 27:1-9 (responsively by whole verse) p. 227

HYMN: “Lift High the Cross” LBW 377

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 36:1–7 ESV

2 Corinthians 8:1–5 ESV

Matthew 26:6–13 ESV

GOSPEL:

SERMON: “**BETHANY**”

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” WOV 771

THE LITANY pp. 148-151

*THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 152

THE OFFERING

*CLOSING HYMN: “Blessed Assurance” WOV 699

*CLOSING PRAYER p. 153

*THE BENEDICTION p. 153

THE POSTLUDE

*Please stand as able.

First Reading

Exodus 36:1–7 ESV

¹ “Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whom the LORD has put skill and intelligence to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded.” ² And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work. ³ And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, ⁴ so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, ⁵ and said to Moses, “The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the LORD has commanded us to do.” ⁶ So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, “Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary.” So the people were restrained from bringing, ⁷ for the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1–5 ESV

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

Gospel

Matthew 26:6–13 ESV

⁶ Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸ And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? ⁹ For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”