



First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down the pew.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice and water, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW – green hymnal **WOV** – Blue hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and the Announcements

Order of Service

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- *Opening Hymn: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” **LBW 559**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- *This Is the Feast P. 81
- *Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Children may follow a Sunday School leader to Sunday School.)

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹{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, ³²not 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. ³³For 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. ³⁴And 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."

Psalm 119:9-16 (Read responsively by whole verse) P. 273-274
Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-10

¹For 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. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So 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"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

*Lenten Sentence - *Return to the Lord*

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*Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵And 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." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus 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?" ³⁹And 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, ⁴⁰but 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.”⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.⁴² 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.⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Sermon: “GOD'S PLAN”

*Hymn of the Day: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

LBW 479

*Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the Church

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Heavenly Father, through the teachings of your Son Jesus, we know that he did not come to this world to be served, but to serve. Help us discern the needs of others, so we may also serve as he did. We humbly pray for your guidance as we seek to serve those who are in need.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Father of all creation, it is through your Son, Jesus Christ that we are made new again. Let us rejoice and celebrate all that we have in you! The earth is also renewed in its Spring, just as we are renewed through faith in you. Let us sing your praises as we relish all the reminders of new growth on the earth.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we pray for the wisdom and strength of our leaders in our churches, communities, government, and in our world. May they seek to understand your way and be considerate of one another in all matters. We also pray for those in the military who are upholding our freedom. Watch over them, protect them, and bring them home safely.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, we know we can come to you for comfort when we have fallen ill, but let us not forget to praise you in all health matters. We pray that you make whole what needs to be mended or cured whether it be in our body, mind, or our spirit. We lift up to you all those who are suffering in any way...

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of Peace

Offering

*What shall I Render to the Lord

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*Offertory Prayer

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Communion Distribution

*Lord, now let your servant go in peace

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*Post Communion Prayer

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*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Give Me Jesus"

WOV 777

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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Attendance Last Week: Saturday, 3/9: 15 Sunday, 3/10: 37 adults 12 children

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Coffee Server: Louie Mielke & Jean Bauer

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

George Vodden 3/20

Mike Sester 3/21

Oliver Ash 3/22/15

Colleen Cerutti 3/23

If I have missed a birthday or anniversary, please let me know –
Dianna.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

This Lenten schedule runs each Wed. through March 20.

5:45pm – Lenten Supper

6:30pm –Midweek Lenten Service

The theme for all the Lenten services will be from the Sermon on the Mount.

LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE

Mar. 20 Church Men

Pork chops

HOLY WEEK PRAYER VIGIL

The Prayer Vigil will be available again this year. The vigil will begin Friday, 8:30pm - 10:30pm. Then resume on Saturday at 6:00am and conclude at 2:00pm. We do appreciate all who take the time to participate in the prayer vigil. It is a quiet reflection time with God in our sanctuary.

Note: There will be no Saturday service on March 30th.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday, 3/28 at 7pm

Good Friday, 3/29 at 7pm

EASTER March 31:

7AM Easter Sunrise Service

8AM Breakfast – **RSVP for breakfast**, sign is in the Narthex.

9:30AM Easter Festival Communion Service

EASTER BREAKFAST

Breakfast casseroles will be served this year, please sign-up in the kitchen to bring ingredients to make the casseroles. .

CHOIR – WILL YOU JOIN US!



Please consider singing in the Easter Choir, which will sing on Good Friday and at the 9:30am service on Easter Sunday. Rehearsal for the very familiar songs will be after the Wednesday Lenten Service on March 20th, at approximately 7:15 pm.

The congregation so appreciates the extra music, please join us. See you in the choir loft!



**Easter Lily Memorial Garden orders are due
by March 17th.**

The lilies are \$11. each or you may give in memory or honor of someone. The forms are available on the narthex bulletin board.



EASTER CANDY

We are now accepting pre-filled easter eggs, if you are able. Candy donations, or easter eggs would be appreciated as well. This will be for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter. Please bring the eggs and candy to the church by March 24th.

**Save The Date
Spring Women's Gathering**

The northern churches in the Great Rivers Mission District
Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
New Life Lutheran Church 702 W Lynn BLVD
Sterling IL

TORNADOES - Southern Illinois and 6 other states were impacted by an outbreak of tornadoes last evening - Terry Doyle from American Lutheran Church Rantoul is ready to deliver emergency relief supplies, as the need is identified. Your help is needed: Please share with your congregations to send monetary donations to NALC Disaster Response, P.O. Box 130455, Saint Paul, MN 55113.

Please send gift cards to NALC Disaster Response, 16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, Ohio 43724.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday 3/17: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after service.

Adult Forum, 10:30am. **Newsletter items due.**

Memorial garden deadline.

Monday 3/18: Food Truck delivery, 8am; Online Lenten Study, 7pm.

Tuesday 3/19: Food Pantry set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Newsletter folding, 2pm.

Wednesday 3/20: Lenten Dinner, 5:45pm; Lenten Service, 6:30pm.

Thursday 3/21: Wittenberg Door – Pastor’s Fellowship at 10am, in DK.

Saturday 3/23: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 3/24: Palm Sunday Service with Sunday School, 9am.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jeff “Bo” Beach, father of Ashley Loomis, died on Sunday, 3/10. His birthday. May the promise of God’s resurrection bring ‘Bo’s’ family peace.

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

- Nathan Wrobel, Louie Mielke’s son-in-law, needs intense prayers.
- Michelle Bruning is still having health issues.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially:

Matt Johnson

James Klus

Emmaline Haag

David Sanderson

- All those who are anticipating surgery or healing from surgery.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, and many others.
- Our church and its activities.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All 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, and all Christian churches.