



# First Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

~ Lutheran Church Missouri Synod ~  
"Sharing Christ, Changing Lives"

## AS WE GATHER

Divine forgiveness is incomparable. God's justifiable anger for sinful rebellion is assuaged. Prodigal sons are forgiven, embraced, and fed. The Church continually recalls this same liturgical sequence – confession, absolution, and Eucharist feast. Our restoration as God's people is complete by God's decree and action. The old has passed away and the new has come. As a forgiven people we resound in shouts and songs of unsurpassed joy! Thank the Lord and sing His praise!

**Visitors**, thank you for being here today and please fill out a welcome card found in the cardholder slot in your pew.

You may tear off the top portion to keep, and place the bottom in the offering plate. Please stop by the welcome center as you depart today and pick up a gift as our token of appreciation for worshipping with us!

**Members**, please use these cards only to notify the Church Office of any changes or needs. Thank you.

**Blue Binders in the pews** are for signing in for Communion only.

### Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service, Setting 3, Page 184

**ORGANIST:** Rick Grieger

#### HYMNS

8:00 AM #915, 571, 543, 420

10:30 AM #915, 571, 543, [820, 421, 431], 420

#### SERMON

"Unconditional Love"

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 ~Pastor Peter Adelsen

#### BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 12:1-6

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

#### SPECIAL MUSIC:

8:00 AM – Senior Choir "It Is Well With My Soul"

#### DEACONS

8:00 AM – Brian Schuch / Roger Schmidt

10:30 AM – Dave Uecker / Jon Lemke

#### ACOLYTES

8:00 AM – Lily Becker / Meara Busse

10:30 AM – Alyssa Gruber / Jacqueline Lemke

**CABLE TV, CHANNEL 10:** Wednesdays 6:30 PM | Fridays 5:30 PM

#### INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

-- Donald Jungclaus, Dorothy Herbst, Bernice Breyer

-- Marlys Friauf as she recovers from surgery.

-- Christian Suttles (Grandson of Leroy & Adele Suttles) who is recovering from a motorcycle accident.

-- Rebecca Wagner, a National domestic missionary working with the University Lutheran Chapel "Together in Missions".

-- Nancy Tallman (Daughter of Lorna Nemitz) who is recovery from a stroke.

-- Breana Boesche & Doug Kidrowski who were united in marriage here at First Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. We pray God's richest blessings upon their marriage. Flowers are placed in celebration of their wedding.

-- The family & friends of Allen Templin whose funeral was on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Blessed are those that die in the Lord!

**RADIO BROADCAST:** Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by the family of Melvin Dose in honor of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

### This Week at First Lutheran

**Sun. March 31**

8:00 AM – Divine Service (Senior Choir)  
9:00 AM – Fellowship: OPEN  
9:15 AM – Sunday School & Bible Study  
9:30 AM – KDUZ Radio Broadcast  
10:30 AM – Divine Service w/ Communion

**Mon. April 1**

7:00 PM – LWML  
7:00 PM – Trustees

**Tues. April 2**

9:30 AM – Bible Study  
1:00 PM – Staff Meeting  
3:00-5:00 PM – TWEENS  
6:30 PM – Evangelism  
7:00 PM – Stewardship  
7:00 PM – Men's Network (Plato)  
7:15 PM – Day School Board

**Wed. April 3**

2:00 PM – Lent Worship  
3:15 PM – Christ Chimes  
3:30-4:45 PM – Public School Confirmation  
6:00 PM – Gospel Ringers  
6:00 PM – Senior Choir  
7:00 PM – Lent Worship

**Thurs. April 4**

8:10 AM – FLS Chapel (Mrs. Welch)  
7:00 PM – Deacons

**Sun. April 7**

8:00 AM – Divine Service w/ Communion (Men's Choir)  
9:00 AM – Fellowship: Finance Committee  
9:15 AM – Sunday School & Bible Study  
10:30 AM – Divine Service (FLS Preschool)  
6:30-8:00 PM – I.M.P.A.C.T.

**COMMUNION POLICY:** We believe that the Lord's Supper is a Sacrament in which Christ's Body and Blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:26-28). When we receive Holy Communion at a church, we show that we agree with the faith that is taught there (1 Cor. 10:14-18). St. Paul cautions us about receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to Holy Communion those who have received instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church and who agree with the confession



**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** There are still dates available for serving fellowship time. Contact the church office if you are interested!

March 31 – OPEN

April 14 – Evangelism

April 7 – Finance Committee

April 21 – NYG Easter Breakfast

**HOLY COMMUNION:** GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS are available at all services of Holy Communion for those in need of them. Please see a Pastor or a Deacon before the service to let them know of your request. "NON-ALCOHOLIC" WINE is available at all services of Holy Communion. These are the lighter colored cups in the center of the communion tray.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** This morning, Pastor Adelsen will continue a Bible Study on Christian denominations. What is an Anabaptist? Is this the same as a Baptist? Where do the Amish fit in? What do Quakers and Seventh-Day Adventists believe? Today we will discuss the final original denomination of the Protestant Reformation, the Anabaptists. The Anabaptist theology is also known as the "Radical Reformation." What was so radical? Come and find out.

At our next session, we will look into Arminianism. If you have missed a previous denominations Bible study, the handouts from the previous weeks will be available (Introduction, Lutheranism, Roman Catholicism, Reformed and Anglicanism).

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** Luke 15:12 – “And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.” This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth. Give me my inheritance now! Which is to say, you are better off dead in my eyes. This is the sin at the heart of all greed – valuing things over people. This parable calls us to come to our senses to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.

**This Week at First Lutheran**

**EASTER LILLIES:** The Mary Martha Altar Guild will again order lilies for the Easter worship service. Would you like to purchase a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, person, or group? Acknowledgements of these donations will be made in the Easter bulletin notes. Sign-up tables for the lilies will be available Sundays and Wednesdays before & after services thru Sunday, April 14th. Members will be available to assist with sign up. The cost will be \$8 per lily.

**LENTEN MEALS:** Come and join us from 5:30-6:45 PM for a delicious free meal and stay for church at 7PM. Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. we'll be serving Turkey and Rice Hot dish with desserts. The following week, Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> Goulash hot dish and desserts will be served. All of the proceeds will benefit the youth attending the 2019 National Youth Gathering! Hope to see you there!

**LENT WORSHIP:** Join us on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for worship services at 2 PM or 7 PM as we focus on Exodus 20:1-17 “Mine!”

**LWML:** will meet Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church Fellowship Center. We will hear a representative from McLeod County Social Services speaking on human trafficking in Minnesota. Human trafficking is the illegal practice of moving people, with or without their consent, for sexual or any illegal purposes. It affects us right here in rural Minnesota. If this topic is of interest to you, please join us. You don't have to be a rostered member of LWML or a rostered volunteer to come. Just drop in and learn about this important topic. There will be devotions led by Jackee Fountain and refreshments. Executive board will hold a short business meeting at 6:45 PM.

**MEN'S NETWORK:** Men, join us at the Men's Network on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato as we continue a study in the Bible book of Judges. This week read Judges Chapter 6 & 7. God's Word provides the light we need. Psalm 119:105

**REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING LENTEN SERVICES:** Members and guests are invited to stay for fellowship and desserts immediately following the afternoon Lenten services. A “Mite Box” for free-will offerings for LWML mission grants will be available. These refreshments will be served by Thrivent and the LWML.

**Upcoming Events**

**FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB:** is reading *Pontius Pilate* by Paul L. Maier. We meet to discuss on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM in the church main entry area. You are welcome to join us!

**LUTHERAN NIGHT AT MN TWINS:** Tickets are reserved for the 7 PM game on Monday, August 5th against the Atlanta Braves. Seats are located in Sections 216 & 217 at a cost of \$34 each. Bus transportation will depart at 4:15 PM, at a cost of about \$12 per person. Please contact Cindy at 238-2148 or [eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES:** New membership class will begin on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:15 PM and continue for five weeks with a tentative new member recognition scheduled for Sunday, May 19th. Encourage your friends or family seeking a new church home to participate in these classes! Contact the church office to sign up or for more information.

**EGIVING:** Members and Visitors – We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give electronically, in just seconds you can make a weekly offering or pay for events/activities. e-Giving allows you to give anytime and anywhere, donate to your favorite funds, and make your gifts recurring. You can give via a smartphone app, texting, or online.



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**May I have your attention please?**

**ANGEL SEEDS:** Camp Omega has been selected as the Angel Seeds recipient for donations received from April through June.

**ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:** Today, Sunday, March 31st is your last chance to direct your 2018 Choice \$. Please don't miss this opportunity to designate your funds! Do it TODAY at [www.thrivent.com/choice](http://www.thrivent.com/choice)

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** We're finding it more and more difficult to get in contact with our members. If you have recently moved, disconnected your landline, or use your cell phone primarily, please contact the church office with updated information!

**EXTRA POPCORN:** There is a variety of Rural Route 1 popcorn for sale. Please call or stop in the church office if you are interested in purchasing. Get your favorite flavors before they're gone!

**FLS TEACHING POSITION:** Mr. Fountain is retiring. If you or someone you know is interested in the 5th and 6th grade teaching position at First Lutheran School, please contact the school office by April 5th. 320-864-3317.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS:** If you are interested in trying the Lutheran Witness for the first time, new subscribers may sign up before Friday, May 17th. An issue of the magazine is always in the seating area at the south entrance, if you'd like to review. Cost is \$19.68 per year. Please contact the church office to get your subscription or with any questions.

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**Thank You**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** We would like to thank the Senior Choir for providing special music at our 8:00 AM worship service this morning. We appreciate you sharing your time and talents with us here at FIRST!

**Measure of Our Stewardship:**

**Budgetary Needs = Total budget divided by 52. The General Fund Receipts include last Sunday's offerings. These amounts are not reconciled to any bank statement at the time of this publication.**

**ENVELOPE INCOME 03/24/19-03/30/19**

General Fund Receipts      \$ 16,034  
 Weekly Budgetary Needs    \$ 20,780  
   \$ (4,746)

**Attendance 03/24/19 – 03/30/19**

Sunday Worship Total:            362  
 Communed:                            110  
 Visitors:                                1  
Wednesday Lenten Worship Total:    158  
 Visitors:                                0  
Sunday School Total:                83  
 Adult:                                    52  
 Children:                                31

**2018-2019 YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS**

Receipts = \$ 922,217.67      Disbursements = \$ 861,400.46

**TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS AS OF 3-30-19 \$ (222,560.09)**

**FIRST EV LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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