

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

Palm Sunday Worship Service

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

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Welcome to God's house! As we celebrate Palm Sunday and contemplate Christ's Passion, let us seek to grow in our love for the Savior and for one another. Blessings on all! After the service we invite worshippers to enjoy refreshments in our fellowship hall.

WORSHIP NOTES:

- ◆ **Bold printed words** indicate the congregation's responses.
- ◆ If you have a moment, please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew.
- ◆ For families with young children, you're invited to take advantage of our worship activity bags for children located in the lobby. A nursery for children 4 and younger is located in Room #7.
- ◆ For those with hearing loss, we have hearing devices available at the welcome window; ask an usher for assistance.
- ◆ For those with eyesight issues, we have large print bulletins; ask an usher for one.

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week for Christians. It is a day for Christians to take to heart Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. On that day, adoring crowds took palm branches off the nearby palm trees to wave in a welcoming celebration for their long-awaited Messiah. It is the first of several noteworthy events in the last week of Jesus' life. By celebrating Holy Week, Christians commemorate those events that led to his sacrificial death on the cross and his victorious rising from the grave. A long-held tradition for Palm Sunday is for Christians to reenact that triumphant procession that included palm waving. In this way, Christians are invited to place themselves into the events of Holy Week, to not just remember Christ's Passion for a fallen world but relive it. In this way we renew Christ's passion for us in our hearts, and are thus encouraged to share Christ's Passion with others.

PRELUDE

We invite worshippers to leave their seats and gather in the lobby. When gathered you may choose to receive a palm branch from one of the ushers and join us in this morning's Palm Sunday Processional. We will follow the processional cross down the center aisle, place our palm branch on the altar step before the cross and then find a seat in the sanctuary.

INVOCATION

We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Our processional gospel for this Palm Sunday is from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-first chapter beginning with verse one.

Glory to you O Lord.

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

OPENING RESPONSIVE READING

Hosanna!
Hosanna!!
Blessed be the Son of David
Blessed be the Son of David!
At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow!
At the name of Jesus
Every tongue shall confess him
King of Glory

Messiah, our savior!

Jesus, we will always be for you!

Jesus, we will never deny you!

Hosanna!

Hosanna!! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE LIFT OUR PRAISE AND PRAYERS TO GOD

OPENING HYMN

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"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1 **You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain***
- 2 **The company of angels
is praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. *Refrain***
- 3 **The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain***
- 4 **To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain***

5 **Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. Refrain**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

FOR HIS GLORY RINGERS

“The Road to Jerusalem”

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WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 594*)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Our first scripture reading is from the Old Testament, the book of the prophet Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter, beginning with verse four.

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

This is God's word.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*Pew Bible p. 439*)

Our Psalm for today is Psalm thirty-one, verses nine through sixteen. I invite the congregation to read it aloud with me.

- ⁹ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.**
- ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.**
- ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.**
- ¹² I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**
- ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.**
- ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."**
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

This is God's word.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON (*Pew Bible p. 954*)

Philippians 2:5-11

Our second lesson comes from the New Testament, the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Philippi, chapter two, beginning with verse five.

- ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 assuming human likeness.
 And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
 and gave him the name
 that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Pew Bible p. 810*)

Matthew 27:11-54

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter twenty-seven, beginning with verse eleven.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a pris-

oner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas.¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”²² Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!”²³ Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him.³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads⁴⁰ and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,⁴² “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.”⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in

the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY

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"My Song Is Love Unknown"

THE SERMON

PASTOR MIKE KNAUFF

"A Parade of Prayers Unusually Answered"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"OLD RUGGED CROSS"

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

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WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the re-

membrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

We invite all who are baptized in Christ, and believe in receiving the bread and wine they receive Christ's body and blood and the forgiveness of sins, to join us. Children not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing. Holy Communion will be served at the altar rail this morning. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You may choose white grape juice or red wine. The serving station at the center of the altar rail is our hypoallergenic station with gluten-free wafers. Please return to your seats by a side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

- 5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

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SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#336 "Lamb of God"

#353 "Were You There"

#338 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

And now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as you did not spare your own Son, but gave him up to die on the cross for us all: Grant that we who have received his body and blood in this sacrament may live in him and he in us, so that, as your children, we may walk in your ways and serve you all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”



- 1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! Hear all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
- 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! The wing-ed squad-rons of the sky
- 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! Your last and fierc - est strife is nigh.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es-ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die,



O Sav - ior meek, your road pur - sue, with palms and scat-tered gar-ments strewed.
O Christ, your tri-umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con-quer'd sin.
look down with sad and won-d'ring eyes to see the ap-proach-ing sac - ri - fice.
The Fa - ther on his sap-phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
bow your meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

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SENDING

Our worship of Christ has ended.

“Let our service to Christ begin!”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET WELL SOON! Jane Winston has moved. If you would like to send her a get well soon card, please contact the office for her new address.

PENNY POWER: The Penny Power focus for March is Camp Magical Moments. They offer a place of retreat for children with cancer and their families, in an environment of fun, friendship, and love. Find out more at www.campmagicalmoments.org

NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON APRIL 1ST: In observation of Holy Week, our class will not be meeting next week. We will resume Wednesday, April 8th.

YOUTH EVENT (JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL): We will be having an egg stuffing party today from 12-2pm. Calling all our Jr. and Sr. High students: We need your help stuffing all those eggs for the upcoming Easter Egg hunt. In addition to stuffing eggs, we will have food, games, and prizes. Oh! ...and candy to fill your belly while you fill the eggs!

NEW COUNTERS NEEDED: The Finance Ministry Team is looking for two people to form another counting team. The team will only need to count the offering after church once a month. Please contact Paul Bayless or May Hustad if you are interested.

CALLING ALL TECH-MINDED INDIVIDUALS! We need more help with our worship service livestream. Our online community has expanded. We currently stream to almost 100 online viewers each week. This is an amazing platform to reach out to those beyond our church walls. This opportunity is open to our high school and college students, as well as anyone who is interested in learning a new skill. Please contact Paul Bayless for more information.

HAPPY STITCHERS - PATRIOTIC QUILTS FOR VETS: Happy Stitchers will be making patriotic quilts for a tiny home project for veterans in crisis on Tuesday, March 31st from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Many hands make light work and help is requested to help design and tie quilts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILY MINISTRY NEED YOUR HELP: It takes a team of volunteers to facilitate our Children's Ministry. We are trying to staff both the Sunday School and the Nursery in a manner that doesn't burn out our wonderful volunteers. The more people we have, the more we share the load. Please consider if God is calling you to serve our youth. We also have opportunities to serve with youth events and activities. Please contact our Youth Minister, Heather Catanese, at youth@firstlc.com for more information.

holy week

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- ◆ THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND – MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP @ 7:15 PM
 - ◇ Will include communion in keeping with Christ’s command to “Do This in Remembrance of Me.” This service’s focus is two-fold. The first focus is on Jesus’ final command to love one another as he has loved us. The term “Maundy” comes from the Latin word “*mandatum*,” where we get the English term “Mandate” or command. The service’s other focus is, “on the night in which he was betrayed.” This part of the service focuses on Jesus reinterpreting the Passover meal into a “new covenant.” We remember and celebrate his new covenant supper in remembrance of him for the forgiveness of sins.
- ◆ FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD – GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL FROM 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- ◆ FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD – GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP @ 7:15 PM
 - ◇ This “Tenebrae” Service will include the tradition of darkening the sanctuary candle by candle as meditations are given on each of Jesus’ last words from the cross. It will also include special music by our Grace Note Choir and Pastor’s “Were You There?” solo. This powerful worship service recalls Jesus’ great love for us in sacrificing himself on a cross for our sins. Often referred to as “the funeral for God,” we remember Jesus’ sacrificial death as a way to prepare ourselves for the joyous news of his resurrection on Easter morn.
- ◆ SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH – EASTER WORSHIP @ 10:15AM
 - ◇ We invite you to our celebration of Jesus Christ’s victory over death. **Easter Sunday** is undoubtedly the key Holy Day of the entire Christian year. It is the joyful conclusion of the Lenten season devoted to prayer, fasting, and penitence. Lent happily gives way to the exuberance of the Easter proclamation of “Christ is Risen!” Our worship will include not only our King’s Men but also the sounds of the Round About Brass ensemble. Following the morning worship service, families are invited to gather at the back of the fellowship hall as the meeting place for our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

FELC ANNUAL YARD SALE

Saturday, June 6 | 8 am - 2 pm |

Save the date! AND start saving your clean, usable stuff!!

Your help is so important and is greatly appreciated! You can plan on helping by: donating, volunteering, healthy snacks, shopping, and praying for a beautiful day!

More details to come



INQUIRER'S/NEW MEMBER CLASS STARTS NEXT MONTH:

Pr. Mike will be offering “Lutheranism 101” starting Sunday **April 19th** for those curious about the Lutheran faith, those who wish to become members, or those established Lutherans who just want a refresher. Topics and class sessions are as follows:

Sunday, April 19th | 9 am |

GRACE ALONE

What's so Amazing about Grace?

Sunday, April 26th | 9 am |

FAITH ALONE

How does our Faith Life make a difference in our Real Life?
Is a church a “museum for saints” or a “hospital for sinners?”

Sunday, May 3rd | 9 am |

SCRIPTURE ALONE

What kind of authority does ancient scripture have in a modern world?

Sunday, May 10th | 9 am |

BAPTISM

Is the most important element of baptism:
The water? The household? The believer? or God?

Sunday, May 17th | 9 am |

COMMUNION

God's family meal:
What's the occasion? What are we eating? Who's invited?

Sunday, May 24th | 9 am |

CONSIDER BEING A “FRIEND OF” OR “MEMBER OF” FELC

What God's Spirit has been doing at FELC in the past, the present,
& where it might lead us in the future.
Finding your role in God's house.

If you are interested in attending, please contact
the church office, Pastor Mike, or Pastor Larry.



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a purple prayer request card and drop it in the offering plate or you can email office@firstlc.com. All requests remain confidential - only with permission are individual names placed on the written prayer list below.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING, OR GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME:

Donna Amundson; Betty Benjamin (*Lisa Mullinix's mother*); Charlotte Benson; Dean Benson; Kevin Call; Tracy Coburn; Devyn, Corden & Elias Cox (*Cal Miller's family*); Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Laura Dean; Joan Douglas (*Bev Novak's sister*); Bobbie Eddie (*Barbara Carlson's father*); Josephine Fife (*Julie Reinwald's mother*); Steve Galbraith; Sharon Gilbert; Jo & Al Glissendorf; Jeanne Griffes-Koepplin; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammond; Bill Hayes; Jack Heier; Tami Henvit; Sue Hindman; Jose Holtz; Cathy Homberg (*Heather Catanese's sister*); Ann Hurley; Lexi Jensen (*Rebecca Jackson's cousin*); Vickie John; Lynn Parshall Kinghorn (*Alecia Coburn's former mother-in-law*); Mary Krippner; Daniel Lance (*Cal Miller's brother-in-law*); Austin Leger (*Heather Catanese's son*); Allan Magnuson; Mike Martin; Pat Matthews; Adara McClure (*Jeannie Campbell's daughter*); Bob McGee (*Richard Magnuson's friend*); Tim Metcalf; Vicky Mickelson (*Becky Jackson's aunt*); Cal Miller; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (*Larry Hudman's sister*); Bob Neff; Josh Neis; Don Newman (*Richard Magnuson's cousin*); Mary Pilkington; Mark Pischer (*Cal Miller's son-in-law*); Priscilla Rainey; Patricia Richardson (*Dustin Jackson's aunt*); Cindy Robello; Laura Schoonmaker; Julie Sundberg; Scot Swenson (*Vernal & Jackie Swenson's son*); Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Chris Weaver; Jane Winston; Daniel & Sarah Young; Cameron (*DiAnn Brown's niece's husband*); Oakley (*Nonda Meyer's great granddaughter*)

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

TJ Litteer; Brianna Townsend; Jody Townsend

MUSTERING OUT THIS MONTH; THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Andrew Mitchell, Mike Monroe and Mike Stultz

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR RESTORED HEALTH:

Peggy Buhr; Barrett (*Cara Dahlberg's nephew*); Scottie Grace; Amelia McDaniel

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**PALM SUNDAY 3/29/2026**

9:00 am	Adult Forum - Library
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday School - Youth Room
10:15 am	Palm Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice - Narthex

MONDAY 3/30/2026

10:00 am	Staff Meeting - Library
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TUESDAY 3/31/2026

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Happy Stitches - Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Preschool
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #930 - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY 4/1/2026

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
2:00pm	NO Ladies' Book Club - Library

THURSDAY 4/2/2026

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Men's Bible Study - Library
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool
7:15 pm	Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary

FRIDAY 4/3/2026

8:00 - 5:00	Good Friday Prayer Vigil - Sanctuary
10:00 am	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	Good Friday Service - Sanctuary

SATURDAY 4/4/2026**EASTER SUNDAY 4/5/2026**

9:00 am	Adult Forum - Library
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday School - Youth Room
10:15 am	Easter Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice - Narthex

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Year to date net Cash Flow thru February \$1,465

Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 140, Live Stream: 90