



**Second Sunday in Lent**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
408 9TH STREET NW  
MANDAN, ND 58554**

Building Faith and Transforming Lives in Christ

**March 1, 2026**

**8:30 A.M.**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** “*Lamb of God*” ELW #336 or Page 9

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray....

**O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a**

*God’s call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 121**

*I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD. (Ps. 121:1, 2)*

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
- <sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. <sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. <sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

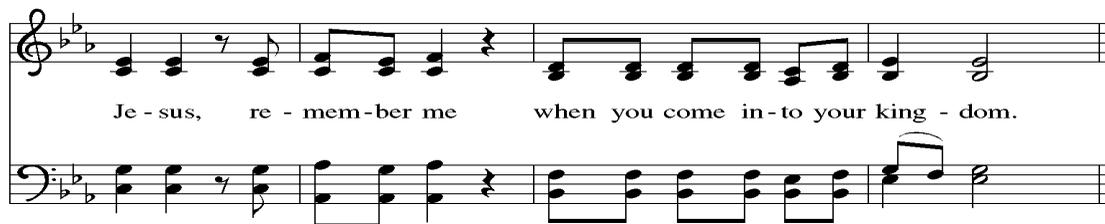
The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSE:** <sub>4</sub> Thanks be to God.

## Jesus, Remember Me



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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The Holy Gospel according to John.

“Glory to you, O Lord.”

### **GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony.

<sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.           **“Praise to you, O Christ.”**

**SERMON**     *Pastor Phil*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**           *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*     *ELW #666 or Page 10*

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Leader: “Hear us, O God.”            Congregation: “Your mercy is great.”

### **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;" and "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

## **PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## **OFFERING**

*Thank you for your financial offerings to First Lutheran. Your generosity enables us to carry out the mission of Christ through our life together here in this congregation and through our loving service to our neighbors beyond our walls. We now have resumed the traditional offering practice of "passing the plates." For those who contribute to First Lutheran's ministry in ways other than weekly in-church offerings and would still like to be included in the in-worship gathering of the offering, laminated "Offering Cards" are now included in the pew racks for you to place in the offering plates.*

## **OFFERTORY**

*"We Are an Offering"*

*ELW #692 or Page 11*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **MEAL**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN**    *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*    *ELW #803 or Page 12*

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

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# Lamb of God Your Only Son



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



*Refrain*  
 sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958  
 Music: Twila Paris  
 Text and music © 1985 Straightway Music/Mountain Spring Music

YOUR ONLY SON  
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## What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down,  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.  
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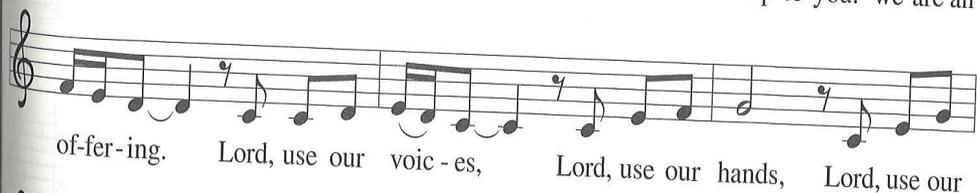
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# We Are an Offering

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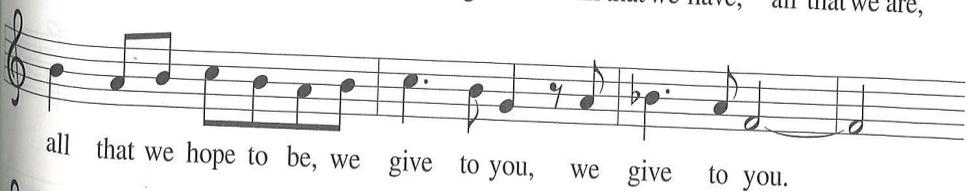
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



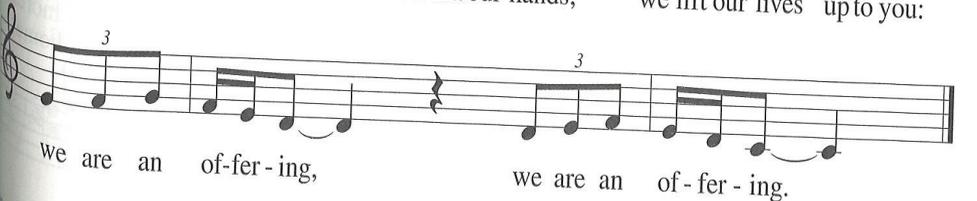
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Lyrics: Dwight Liles, b. 1957  
Music: Dwight Liles  
Words and music © 1984 Word Music, LLC

OFFERING  
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# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

**Attendance last Week: Sunday 8:30 - 84      10:45 - 88**  
**Wednesday 6:30 - 138**

**ON-GOING PRAYER CONCERNS:**

*Noel Albrecht, Brad Schmidt, Joan Hanson, Debbie Martineson, Hal Lang, Patrick Lang, Jason Bjorgen, Ken Charvat, Dave Thomas, Joann Meyer, Preston Joyce, Susan Voigt, Toby Kienzle, Pam Weng, Lois Smith, Barb Carl, Jeff MacIver, Brady Mattson, Darin Hinsz, Jerome Bauer, Wendel Mongeon, Brenda Hersch, Jared & Jenn Barnhart, Ray Stenmoen, Connor Hertz, Teresa Seeman, Linda Stastny, Sally Wolf, Rachael Hankin, Opal Renken, David Jung, Dina Walker, Kay Link, Tammy Krein, Terry Tanaka, Wanda House, Tom Burau, Judy Walters, Monte Olmsted, Pat Kincaid, Victor Saeman, Lualice Stockert, Katy Anseth, Sarah Weishaar, Howard Moldenhauer, Anna Anderson, Brenna Blankenship, Ted (Theodore) Delfs, Allen Janz, Justin Hankin, Judy Anderson, Rori Messer, Jayar Kindsvogel, Kristen Rasmussen, Jerry Iverson, Jason Klipfel, Lois Helmer, Carrie Hille, Pius Johner, Cori Musolf, Stan Hepper, Eunice Wolf, Adam Walker*

**First Lutheran Church will be updating the prayer list periodically. If a name is not listed and you would like it re-listed please call the church office at 663-3594. We will re-list names for prayers.**

**PLEASE KEEP THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVICE FOR OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Todd Bauer, Alex Dove, Jacob Selzler*

**If you know of anyone who has ties to our congregation and is called to active duty, please contact the church office.**

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Pastor Phil Leer's phone number: 701-341-7784  
(If you need to reach him please give him a call)

**Ushers:**

**Reader:**

Corby Rachel

**Communion Servers:**

Lori Meyers

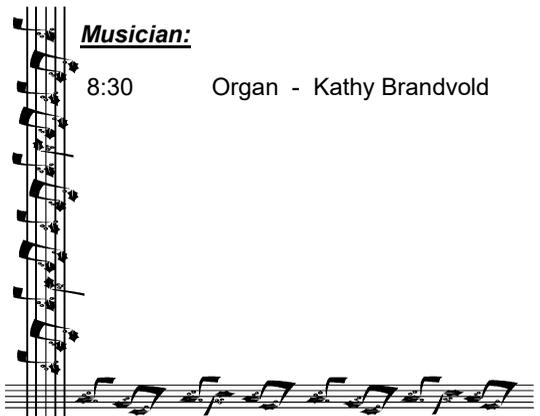
**Communion Set-Up:**

Corby Rachel

**Musician:**

8:30

Organ - Kathy Brandvold



## **Mission of the Month - Weekend Meals For Mandan Kids**

Items needed are Chap Stick, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Ham, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Cups, Canned Fruit, Granola Bars, Cereal, Pudding Cups, Applesauce, Chef Boyardee', Mac & Cheese, Soups, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Pop Tarts, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice A Roni, Pasta Roni, Pork and Beans, Baked Beans, Pancake Mix-no eggs required such as Krusteaz Brand, Syrup.

**NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!**

You may put your items in the boxes in the Narthex. Thank you!

The Endowment Committee is once again making two \$500 scholarships available to area seniors. As the committee works toward ensuring a vibrant financial future for the church, it is also working to ensure a vibrant future for the church by encouraging youth in their life of faith. Scholarship applications are available in the Church office or on our webpage and must be submitted by March 31, 2026.

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**Thank you to the Disabled American Veterans for the donation to LAF and for serving at LAF on Thursday!**

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Jake Pertile. His funeral will be held here on March 6th at 10:30 a.m. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead  
1 hour before bed on Saturday,  
March 7<sup>th</sup>!**

# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for ushers, communion servers, readers & communion set up for all worship services. Since we have gone back to passing the offering plate we need at least 2 ushers for every service. If you could help out please sign your name on the sheets provided, by the bulletins, in the narthex.

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## Easter Garden

Easter is right around the corner. As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, it is also a wonderful time to beautify our church and honor our loved ones. The youth of our church are selling Easter Garden Flowers. They will purchase a mix of Lilies and Mums to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. Flowers may be picked up after the Easter service. Order forms are available in the narthex. Orders can be placed in the offering plate or the church office. **The price for each plant is \$20.00. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. (We can't place late orders!)**



Dakota Pro Musica presents

## MUSIC OF AMERICAN FAITH

*A concert of sacred music for choir and organ*

The professional choir of Dakota Pro Musica  
with guest organist, Christopher Wells

**Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm**

St. George's Episcopal Memorial Church in Bismarck

\$60/ family, \$25/ adult, \$5/ student at the door

*Presale tickets available at a discount before March 18th*

Lynnette Horn the Family Liaison from the Mandan Public Schools has asked if we could take a collection for them again.

There will be a box in the narthex labeled "Mandan Public Schools HYGIENE PRODUCTS" please drop your donations in there or bring them to the office.

They are in need of the following items:

Feminine Hygiene products: tampons & pads – this is their main need right now

Packages of new socks – male & female adult size for middle & high school age students

Packages of new women's underwear – sizes XS through XXL

Small travel sized hand sanitizers – small ones that can be kept in backpacks

Kleenex On-The-Go Facial Tissues (like the travel size 8 packs you can get at Wal-Mart or Target)

Chapstick

Hair ties

Hairbrushes



Lewis and Clark Elementary School is in need of snacks. If you would like to donate, please drop them off in the office. Thank you!

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The Youth participating in the mission trip would like to recognize and thank Family Fare Market of Mandan for their donation of goods to help cover the cost of making caramel rolls for the February fundraiser.

**Come join us on Wednesdays during Lent** at our regular evening worship time as we “Make Sense of The Cross” each week! Our Lenten theme comes from ELCA theologian, Dr. David Lose, and his book, Making Sense of the Cross, which explores historical and contemporary understandings of the Cross of Christ, as well as perspectives on the cross found in the scriptures. Pastor Adam and Pastor Phil will take turns doing “teaching sermons” each Wednesday based on the chapters in Lose’s book. The musical settings for worship Wednesdays in Lent will be from “Holden Evening Prayer.”

**Will you “find Jesus” during Lent?**

For a non-traditional Lenten discipline, you are invited to “find a Little Jesus” somewhere in the church and take him with you—living out the Lenten hymn, “*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*” in a fun way. Dozens of toy, inch-high “Little Jesuses” will be hidden throughout the church building throughout the five weeks of Lent and you are invited to seek and find a Little Jesus whenever the Spirit moves you! And here’s the only rule: if you find more than one Little Jesus, we ask that you either share your second Little Jesus with someone else or re-hide him so someone else can find him.



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**If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office.**

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We have to stay financially strong. The ongoing ministry of our church is dependent on the tithes and offerings of our people. Electronic giving is the best way to do this. Many of you are already on our giving platform. If you are not giving electronically, this would be a good time to do that. You can sign up here <https://firstlutheranofmandan.com/>. Simply click on the button on the right hand side that says “Give Online”. If you prefer to make your gifts by check, you can drop it off at the church or mail it to 408 9th St NW Mandan, ND 58554. Staying strong in worship, caring ministries, and finances are important as we work to love and serve hurting people during this tumultuous time.

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If you provide your financial offerings to First Lutheran through other ways besides the weekly worship gathering of gifts (e.g.: Vanco, automatic bank withdrawal), you are welcome to place one of the laminated “offering cards” in the pew rack in the offering plate during the Offering.

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**Notes on Holy Communion:**

**Practice:** *We practice Open Communion, which means if you are here, you are welcome at the table of Christ. If you do not take Communion, or you do not take Communion yet, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. We can also bring Communion to you in your pew if you are unable to come forward. Please notify one of the ushers.*

**Procedure:** *You will receive a wafer of bread and a small cup of communion wine (juice and gluten free wafers are also available; please let your server know). Please place the empty cup in the waste basket by the communion assistant as you return to your pew.*

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 1	7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612 8:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP 9:30 COFFEE 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 WORSHIP 2:00 FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE 2:30 FIRST COMMUNION CLASS FOR 5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADERS
MONDAY 2	
TUESDAY 3	8:30 HOME SCHOOLERS 9:00 STAFF
WEDNESDAY 4	1:30 HEART RIVER & RUTH CIRCLE 5:15 CHOIR PRACTICE 5:45 CHURCH SCHOOL 6:00 MISSION TRIP MEETING 6:30 WORSHIP 7:15 BELL CHOIR 7:30 CONFIRMATION
THURSDAY 5	11:00 LAF ~ PULLED PORK
FRIDAY 6	10:00 HOME SCHOOLERS
SATURDAY 7	9:30 SCRAPBOOKING
SUNDAY 8	7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612 8:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP 9:30 COFFEE 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 WORSHIP