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Welcome to First Lutheran Church!

Today, as since 1892, we welcome members and guests to glorify God and exalt his name.

NEW HERE? HAVE A QUESTION?

Visit the Welcome Center in the Gathering Place, just north of the Sanctuary. First-time visitors receive a special gift.

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at every worship service; all who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome at his table. To receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest. Our children celebrate First Communion in Grade 3. Earlier participation in communion is at the discretion of parents or guardians.

NEED HEARING ASSISTANCE?

Assistive Listening Devices are available and may be used with headphones or with a neck loop for T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. Please leave the devices in the Sanctuary after the service.

CHILD CARE

All ages are welcome in worship; our professionally-staffed child care center is, however, an option for young children during services. The center is near the elevator on the main level.

A PLACE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

Our **Sunday School** program meets at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Children may be dropped off as early as 9:15 a.m. Adults are invited to join our quarterly Adult Education classes.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Following the worship service, please join us in the Gathering Place for coffee, treats, and fellowship.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Our newest service takes place at 10:15 a.m. in the Worship Center on the second level – a distinctively Lutheran approach to contemporary worship. During the sermon, **First Kids** is offered in the Fireside Room for children aged Preschool through Grade 2.

ONLINE WORSHIP: YOUTUBE

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Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026
7 P.M.

📖 · Hymn found in the red hymnal
📄 · Hymn found in the bulletin

Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning “shut off from light.” This ancient service, in the evening on Good Friday, commemorates the hours Jesus spent in the darkness of the tomb.

SOLEMN REPROACHES

Pastor O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Everyone **Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way. I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

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O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit. I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink. I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed. I gave you my peace, but you drew the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I parted the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you pierced my side with a spear. I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross. I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry, and you gave me no food. I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink. I was a stranger, and you did not welcome me. I was naked, and you did not clothe me. I was sick and in prison, and you did not visit me; and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN  *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all, the cross.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY: ISAIAH 53:4 – 11

PSALM 6

Please join in reading the psalm responsively.

Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger;

do not punish me in your wrath.

Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak;

heal me, Lord, for my bones are racked.

My spirit shakes with terror;

how long, O Lord, how long?

Turn, O Lord, and deliver me;

save me for your mercy's sake.

For in death no one remembers you;

and who will give you thanks in the grave?

I grow weary because of my groaning;

every night I drench my bed and flood my couch with tears.

My eyes are wasted with grief

and worn away because of all my enemies.

Depart from me, all evildoers,

for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

The Lord has heard my supplication;

the Lord accepts my prayer.

All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear;

they shall turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

PRAYER

HYMN  *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Go to dark Gethsemane,

all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.

Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN: JOHN 18:1 – 14

PSALM 23

Please join in reading the psalm responsively.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

HYMN 📖 *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

Just as I am, without one plea,

but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Just as I am, tho' tossed about
with many-a conflict, many-a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind –
yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN: JOHN 18:15 – 27

PSALM 22:1 – 11

Please join in reading the psalm responsively.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me
**and are so far from my cry,
and from the words of my distress?**
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our forefathers put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

“He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

HYMN 📖 *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Lo! the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sin-ned, and the Son hath suffered;
for man’s atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion,
for my salvation.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN: JOHN 18:28 – 40

PSALM 51:1 – 13

Please join in reading the psalm responsively.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.

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For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again,
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit

HYMN 📖 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory!
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, tho' despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;

how does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter Passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN: JOHN 19:1 – 16

PSALM 70

Please join in reading the psalm responsively.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;
**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.**
Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
**let those who love your salvation say forever,
“Great is the Lord!”**
But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry.

HYMN 📖 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*
In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

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When the woes of life o’ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN: JOHN 19:17 – 22

PSALM 88:1 – 12

Please join in reading the psalm responsively.

O Lord, my God, my Savior,

by day and night I cry to you.

Let my prayer enter into your presence;

incline your ear to my lamentation.

For I am full of trouble;

my life is at the brink of the grave.

I am counted among those who go down to the pit;

I have become like one who has no strength;

lost among the dead,

like the slain who lie in the grave,

whom you remember no more,

for they are cut off from your hand.

You have laid me in the depths of the pit,

in the dark places, and in the abyss.

Your anger weighs upon me heavily,
and all your great waves overwhelm me.

You have put my friends far from me;
you have made me to be abhorred by them;

I am in prison and cannot get free.

My sight has failed me because of trouble;

Lord, I have called upon you daily;

I have stretched out my hands to you.

Do you work wonders for the dead?

Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

Will your loving kindness be declared in the grave,

your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

HYMN 📖 *My Faith Looks up to Thee*

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray:

take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;

as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;

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bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN: JOHN 19:23 – 30

PHILIPPIANS 2:6 – 11

Please join in reading the psalm responsively.

Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death –
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

HYMN 📖 *Beautiful Savior*

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN: JOHN 19:31 – 42

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.

Following the Lord's Prayer, everyone leaves in silence.

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EASTER VIGIL – APRIL 4

Join us for an EASTER EGG HUNT at 10 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE at 6:30 p.m.

Contact the church if you'd like to be baptized during the Vigil.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5

He is risen! Join us for our Easter celebration.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 7:45, 9, 10:15, and 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:15 a.m. in the Worship Center.

Come join us in the Peel House for Easter Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.!

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