

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
*March 15, 2026*

## WELCOME VISITORS

*We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave the service today.  
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome in church,  
If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery for those age 4 and younger  
located on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the  
hallway, and the nursery is the first door on your right.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing devices for today's worship are available,  
please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST** **March 15 – March 22**

|                  |            |   |
|------------------|------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School                               |
|                  | 10:45 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion<br>FNF DEADLINE |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 7:00 p.m.  | Scouts                                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:30 p.m.  | Scouts                                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 8:30 a.m.  | Ladies Breakfast at Johnnie's Restaurant    |
|                  | 9:30 a.m.  | LWR Quilting                                |
|                  | 5:30 p.m.  | LARC Soup Supper                            |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | LARC Worship at Trinity Lutheran            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 6:15 p.m.  | Rose Ringers                                |
|                  | 7:15 p.m.  | Choir                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School                               |
|                  | 10:45 a.m. | Worship                                     |

# GATHERING

## WELCOME & PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

# There Is a Balm in Gilead

Text: African American spiritual Music: BALM IN GILEAD

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

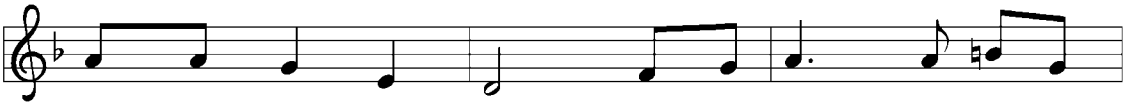
# GREETING

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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
bod - y of our Lord.  
riv - er, you the sea.

4. Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
make us children of your light.  
Give us hearts to live more nearly  
as your gospel shining bright.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST READING**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no  
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

## GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to John the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Please be seated due to the length of the Gospel reading*

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.”

<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to your, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

*Silence follows the sermon for reflection.*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

*Please stand following the prayer as you are able.*

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Text: John Newton Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, arr. Edwin O. Excell

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## **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 INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*You may be seated.*

# MEAL

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

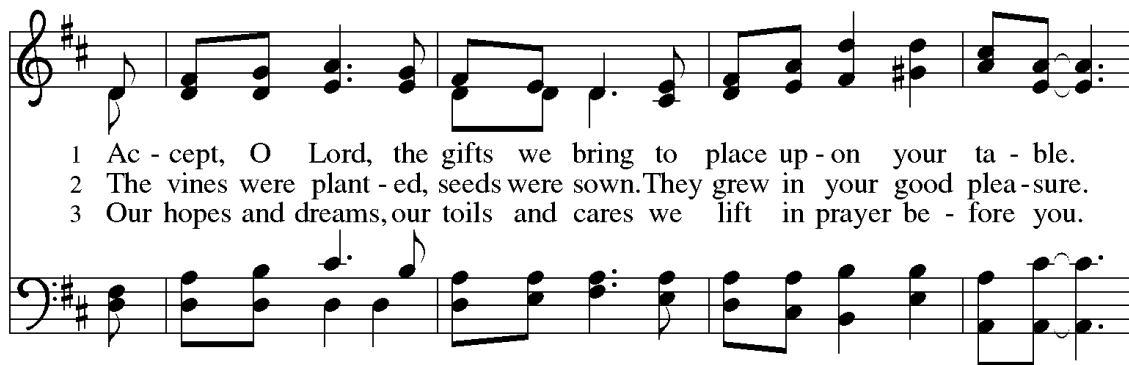
*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at [felcc.org](http://felcc.org) or by scanning this QR code.*



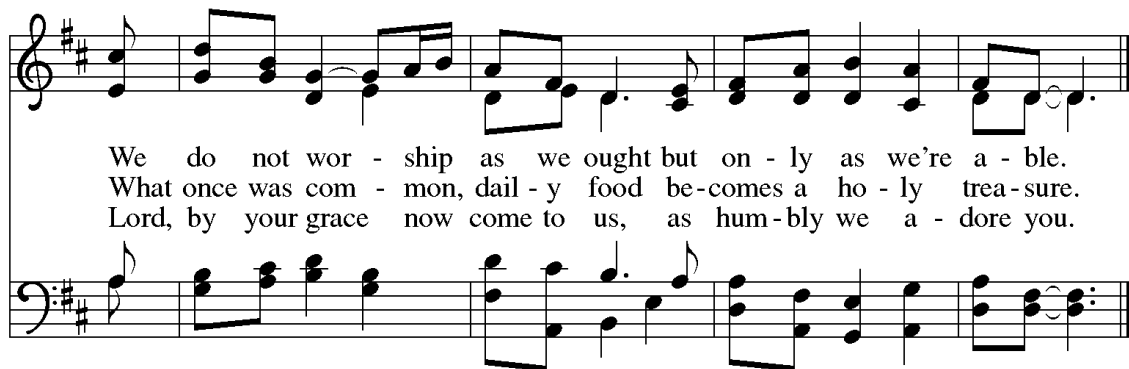
## ANTHEM

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## DIALOG

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.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, 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. **Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus, as you taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-communicating children and adults may come forward for a blessing.*

## LAMB OF GOD



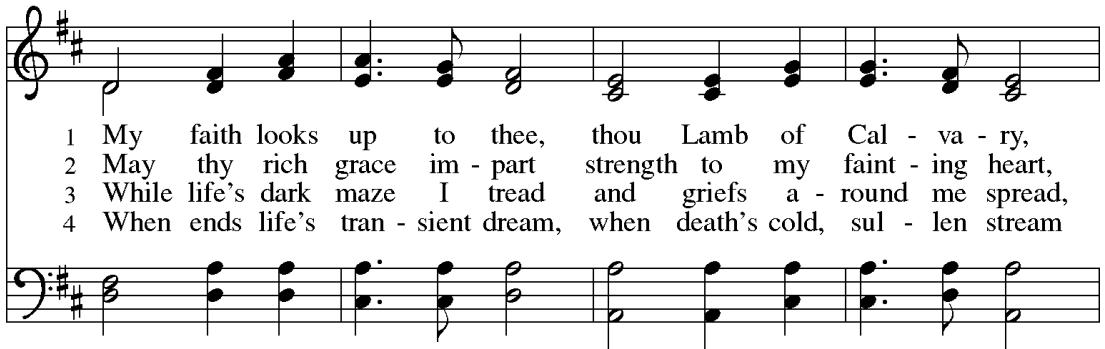
1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



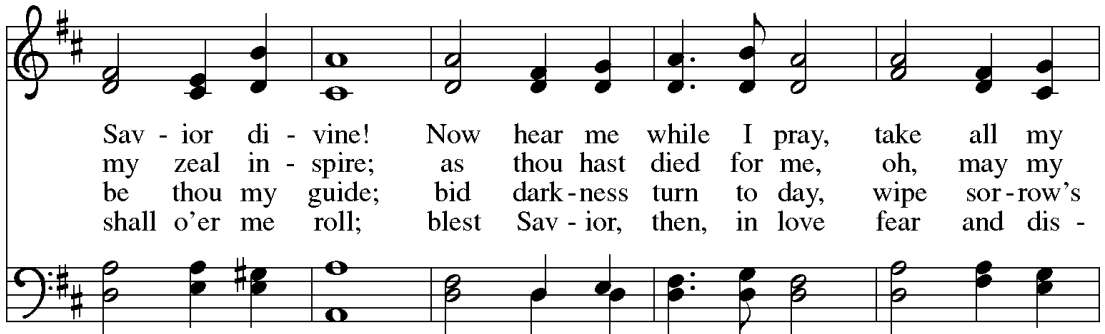
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

# My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Text: Ray Palmer Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep us in his grace!

**Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Sending*

## **BLESSING**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

# Be Thou My Vision

Text: Irish, 8<sup>th</sup> cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull; tr. Mary E. Byrne Music: SLANE, Irish traditional



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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***Please remember in your prayers...***

Healing: Cathy Beam (3/22), **Ralph Burdick** (4/7), Amy Cover (3/17), **Dalton Paul** (3/27)

Continuing Prayers: Madeline Artman, **Joanne Caskey, June Diehl, Harold Forrester, Charles Kampmeyer, Julie Paul**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, **Hunter Boock**

Grieving: Family of Pat Dent

**ATTENDANCE**      March 8                      65 in person                      8 online

**LENTEN OFFERING** of First Lutheran Church will be given to the Discretionary Fund to help people with rent and utility bills.

**LADIES BREAKFAST** Join us at Johnnie's Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18. All ladies welcome!

**NETwork Ministries Fundraising Banquet** is on Thursday, April 16th, 6 PM, at World Harvest Outreach. Doors open at 5 PM, and the evening includes a catered dinner, artwork, testimonies, and performances from NETwork's youth, and guest speaker Tommy Nixon. The cost is \$30. Contact NETwork at 717-264-4640 or [networkchambersburg@gmail.com](mailto:networkchambersburg@gmail.com) by April 6th to make reservations.

**ST. SERAPHIM** Soup Kitchen needs your help. They provide a light meal each Thursday and Saturday. The Orthodox Church is asking for donations of canned soups. No tomato please. There is a bin in Memorial Hall for donations.



**BIRTHDAY BAGS** for Little Daisy's Closet are needed. The needs are: large birthday bags, plates, napkins, candles, balloons, small gifts, snack items, cakes, icings, and cake pans. Thank you for your contributions to make up the bags!

**EASTER BREAKFAST** Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for breakfast. Easter Egg Hunt for children will be at 10 a.m. Please sign up by main office door for breakfast by March 29.



**SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network)** Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations—domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. Please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, [tim@gotwald.org](mailto:tim@gotwald.org), [mary@gotwald.org](mailto:mary@gotwald.org)  
Thank you for considering.

**SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE** at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa on Sunday, March 15 and Sunday, April 12 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. Meet some of the Summer Camp Staff and take a tour of the camp. For more information, visit [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org) or call the camping office at 717-677-8211.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** 2025 Thrivent Beneficiary Member please remember to direct your “Choice Dollars” by March 31, 2026. Please consider directing those dollars to First Lutheran ASAP. The dollars that are not designated by the end of March 2026 will be lost. You can designate your dollars by going to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) or calling 1-800-847-4836 and say “Choice Dollars.”



## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

|              | <b><u>March 15</u></b>                   | <b><u>March 22</u></b>                   | <b><u>March 29</u></b>                   |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| Lector:      | Sally Herritt                            | Rose Wilson                              | Becky Hoover                             |
| Communion    | Jane Love                                |  | Jane Love                                |
| Assistants:  | Donna Ross<br>Mike Ross                  |  | Donna Ross<br>Mike Ross                  |
| Greeters:    | Bob Hammer<br>Dot Hammer                 | Bob Hammer<br>Dot Hammer                 | Bob Hammer<br>Dot Hammer                 |
| Altar Guild: | Barb Evans                               | Barb Evans                               | Barb Evans                               |
| Ushers:      | Don Shoop<br>Kathy Shoop<br>Bob Wildeson | Don Shoop<br>Kathy Shoop<br>Bob Wildeson | Don Shoop<br>Kathy Shoop<br>Bob Wildeson |

# LARC LENT 2026      THEME: Living Water in a Dry Land

| Date                                | Weekly Theme                       | Location                                 | Preacher                                      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>March 18</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b> | Washed in the<br>Water<br>Romans 6 | Trinity Lutheran<br>431 Philadelphia Ave | Father Benjamin<br>Kwaghgba<br>Corpus Christi |
| <b>March 25</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b> | A River of Life<br>Ezekiel 47      | Trinity Episcopal<br>58 S 2nd St         | Deacon Richard<br>Ramsey<br>Corpus Christi    |

**LARC LENT SOUP SUPPERS** A soup and bread supper will be held each Wednesday evening at 5:30 at the church where worship will be held. If you are able to help serve, clean-up, or provide soup on March 11 for the supper being held at First Lutheran, please contact Barb Evans at 717-360-2535.



**LARC LENTEN OFFERINGS** LARC Lenten offerings received on Wednesday evenings will be donated to Harken House Ministry. Harken House Ministry provides a work/training program for those being released on parole. Checks to support Harken House may be **made payable to LARC**.



**AMERICA 250PA PARADE** will be on Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. Zion Reformed, Falling Spring Presbyterian, and First Lutheran are all Rose Rent Congregations and are considering working together to have an exhibit in the parade. If you would like to participate in creating a float, or being in the parade, please speak with Pastor Nicholson.



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**We welcome visitors this morning.**

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.  
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

### **Our Mission**

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,  
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

### **Sunday Schedule**

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
and on our webpage at [www.FELCC.org](http://www.FELCC.org)

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,  
and to worship with us.