

Passion/Palm Sunday
March 29, 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,
but if desired, there is a nursery for those age 4 and younger
located downstairs past the elevator, across the hall from the bulletin board.*

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST **March 29 – April 5**

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion and Cantata
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship–Sanctuary w/ Communion and Striping of Altar
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service-Sanctuary
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Parish Life (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	9-10 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Egg Hunt
	10:45 a.m.	Easter Worship w/Communion

Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rose Ringers

Come Thou Fount

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Please stand as you are able and face the rear of the sanctuary entrance.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

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.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!”

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Children are invited to join the pastor to lead palm blessing and procession.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please raise your palm branch as you are able.

Congregation: Save us, Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Save us, Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

Leader: Lord Jesus, today we celebrate your triumphal entry into the holy city. You are our messiah and king, and we join those who spread garments and branches to make a path for you.

Congregation: Save us, Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

Leader: Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow you in the way of the cross.

Congregation: Save us, Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

Leader: As we follow you into this Holy Week, we look toward your resurrection, assured of life with you.

Congregation: Save us, Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

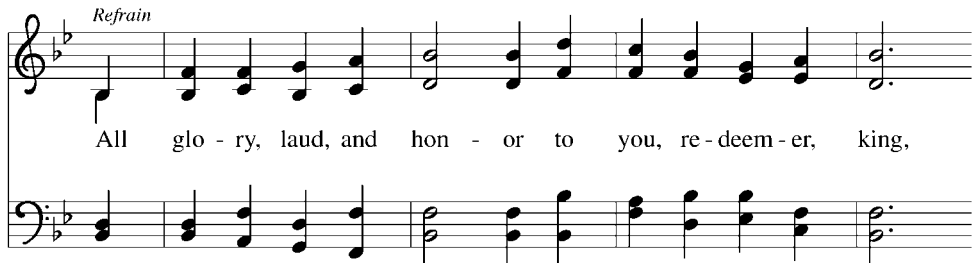
Please turn facing the cross in procession.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orleans 760-821

Music: Melchior Teschner 1584-1635

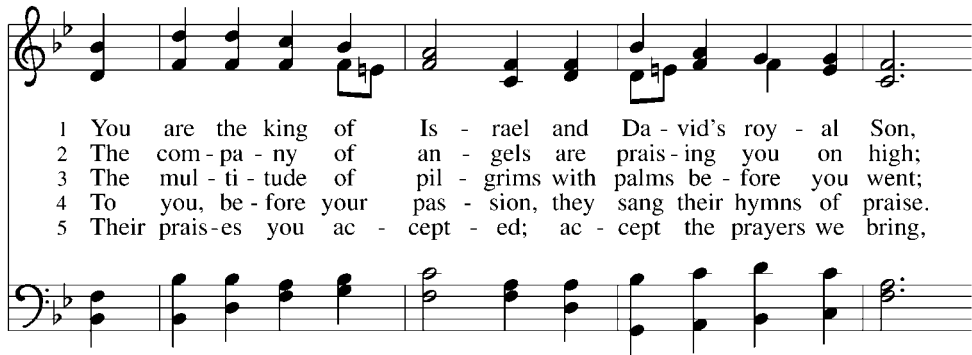
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You may lower your palm branches.

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray:

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on a cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Cross

An Easter Journey by Robert C. Lau

Narrators: Rose Wilson and Becky Hoover

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Instrumental Prologue

Ah, Holy Jesus

Choir

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Choir and Congregation on cue from the conductor:

**Hosanna in the highest! that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

So Said the Lord That Night

Choir

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Choir

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Instrumental Interlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Choir and Congregation on cue from the conductor:

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

Verses 2, 3, 4: choir alone

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an off'ring far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Choir and Congregation on cue from the conductor:

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God has brought His Israel into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.**

Verses 2, 3: choir alone

**Alleluia! now we cry to our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia! with the Son, God the Father praising,
Alleluia! yet again to the Spirit raising.**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

OUR RESPONSE

GATHERING OF GIFTS

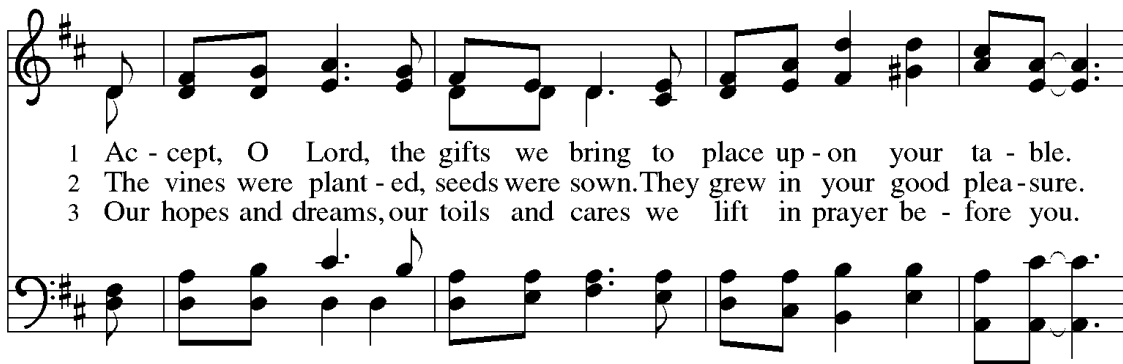
*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at www.felcc.org*

ROSE RINGERS

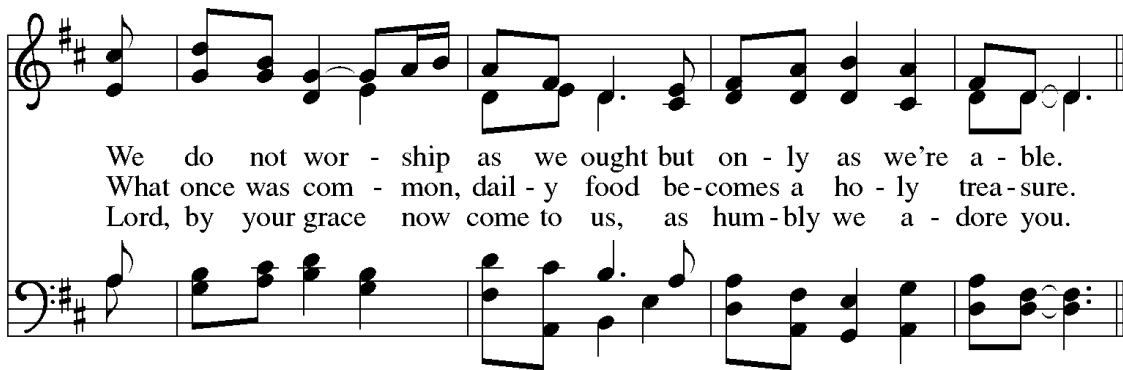
The Solid Rock

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;
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.

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:

SANCTUS



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.

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.

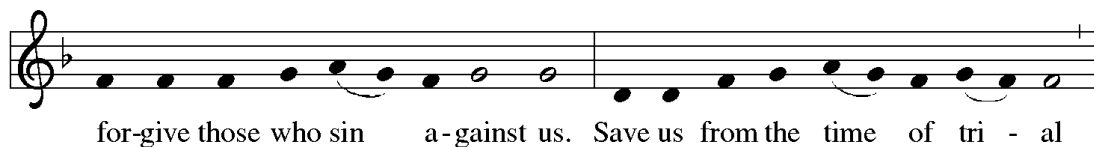
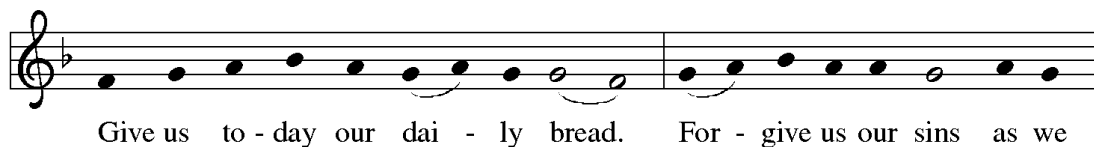
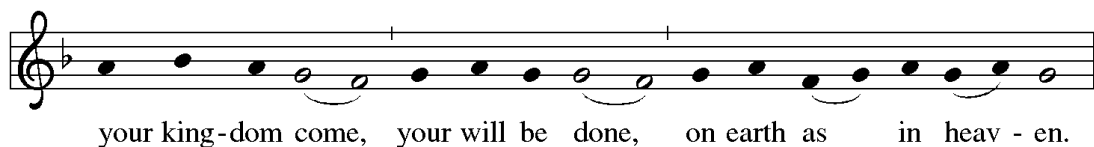
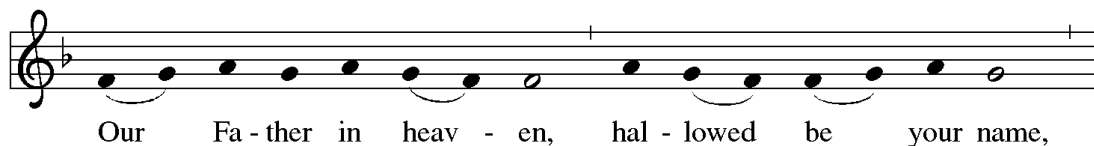
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Thanks be to God!

Communion: 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-communing 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.

What Wondrous Love Is This

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*. Paul J. Christiansen



- 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.

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you 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.

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.**

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Text: Henry H. Milman Music: ST. DROSTANE, John Bacchus Dykes



- 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 - quered 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!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of
Leon Paul by Dalton and Julie Paul

ATTENDANCE March 15 60 in person 7 online

Please remember in your prayers...



Healing: Cathy Beam (4/25), **Ralph Burdick** (4/7)

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

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

SYNOD ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking for two persons to attend synod assembly in York, PA on June 5 and 6. There is a Conference meeting on April 19 at 2 pm in Greencastle. If you have an interest in serving in this capacity, please speak with Pastor Nicholson.

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. Please contact NETwork at networkchambersburg@gmail.com or 717-264-4640 by April 6th to make reservations. Don't miss this year's celebration!

ST. SERAPHIM Soup Kitchen needs your help. Since they provide soup, hotdogs, sandwiches, crackers, drinks and a sweet bite for folks who need a meal on Thursdays and Saturdays, the Orthodox Church is asking for donations of canned soups. No tomato please. There is a bin in Memorial Hall for donations.

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 or calling 1-800-847-4836 and say “Choice Dollars.”



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!

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, mary@gotwald.org Thank you for considering.

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa on 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 or call the camping office at 717-677-8211.



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 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.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

March 29	10:45 a.m.	Palm Sunday with Palms, Cantata, and Communion
April 2	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion and stripping of the altar
April 3	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship
April 5	10:45 a.m.	Easter Worship with Holy Communion



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 today.

BEAUTIFUL HOLY WEEK INVITATIONS are available at the worship entrances to share with your family, neighbors, or coworkers – help yourself and share them with others. Your way to spread the good news of Jesus Christ!



March 29
(Palm Sunday)

April 2
(Maundy Thursday)

April 3
(Good Friday)

Lector: Becky Hoover

Joyce Ray

Rose Wilson

Communion Jane Love

Jim Brown

Jim Brown

Assistants: Donna Ross

Gerry Wilson

Gerry Wilson

Mike Ross

Rose Wilson

Rose Wilson

Greeters: Bob Hammer

Bob Wildeson

Bob Wildeson

Dot Hammer

Nancy Wildeson

Nancy Wildeson

Altar Guild: Barb Evans

Barb Evans

Barb Evans

Ushers: Don Shoop

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

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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

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