

Scout Sunday
February 8, 2026

WELCOME VISITORS

A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!

We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.

Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.

Children are always welcome at worship.

If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children 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 assistance devices
for today's worship are available.*

Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.

Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

CONFSSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in \dagger Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Music: Charles Wesley

Text: RATISBON, J.G. WERNER, *Choralbuch*



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



G Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al- might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

read by: Gabe Haughie

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND SECOND READING Acts 16:16-40 New International readers Version

Paul: Sam Nienstedt

Slave Owner: Christian Burkholder

Judge: Ilesh Subedi

Silas: Gabe Haughie

Slave Owner: Aslan Shives

Jailer: Kai Thompson

Paul writes:¹⁶ One day we, Paul and Silas, were going to the place of prayer. On the way we were met by a female slave. She had a spirit that helped her to tell ahead of time what was going to happen. She earned lot of money for her owners by telling fortunes. ¹⁷ The woman followed Paul and the rest of us around. She shouted, “These men serve the Most High God. They are telling you how to be saved.” ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became upset. Turning around, he spoke to the spirit. “In the name of Jesus Christ,” he said, “I command you to come out of her!” At that very moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ The female slave’s owners realized that their hope of making money was gone. So they grabbed Paul and Silas. They dragged them into the market place to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them to the judges. “These men are Jews,” her owners said. “They are making trouble in our city. ²¹ They are suggesting practices that are against Roman law. These are practices we can’t accept or take part in.”

²² The crowd joined the attack against Paul and Silas. The judges ordered that Paul and Silas be stripped and beaten. ²³ They were whipped without mercy. Then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received his orders, he put Paul and Silas deep inside the prison. He fastened their feet so they couldn’t get away.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying. They were also singing hymns to God. The other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was a powerful earthquake. It shook the prison from top to bottom. All at once the prison doors flew open. Everybody’s chains came loose.

²⁷ The jailer woke up. He saw that the prison doors were open. He pulled out his sword and was going to kill himself. He thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ “Don’t harm yourself! Paul shouted. “We are all here!”

²⁹ The jailer called out for some lights. He rushed in, shaking with fear. He fell down in front of Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out. He asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus. Then you and your family will be saved.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him. They also spoke to all the others in his house.

³³ At that hour of the night, the jailer took Paul and Silas and washed their wounds. Right away he and his whole family were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house. He set a meal in front of them. He and his whole family were filled with joy. They had become believers in God.

³⁵ Early in the morning the judges sent their officers to the jailer. They ordered him, “Let those men go.” ³⁶ The jailer told Paul, “The judges have ordered me to set you and Silas free. You can leave now. Go in peace.”

³⁷ But Paul replied to the officers. “They beat us in public,” he said. “We weren’t given a trial. And we are Roman citizens! They threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and personally lead us out.”

³⁸ The officers reported this to the judges. When the judges heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they became afraid. ³⁹ So they came and said they were sorry. They led them out of the prison. Then they asked them to leave the city. ⁴⁰ After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia’s house. There they met with the believers. They told them to be brave. Then they left.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Christ, Be Our Light

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell.



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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 felcc.org or by scanning this QR code.



ANTHEM

Be Filled with the Spirit

by Stanley Glarum

Please stand as you are able for the offertory.

OFFERTORY

A musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it." The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, with rests and a final double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 Read by Sam Nienstedt and Ilesh Subedi

Merciful God, you have called us to be the light of the world.

We come before you in prayer, trusting in your compassion and grace.

We pray for your Church, gathered in many places and traditions.

Strengthen us to let the light of Christ shine through our words and actions,
that our communities may see your love lived out in service, kindness, and truth.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We give thanks for Scouts and Scout leaders,
and their commitment to serve and learn with integrity.
Guide them as they grow in character and leadership,
and help them use their gifts to bring light and hope into the world.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our community and all who live and work here.
Help us to notice the needs around us,
to stand for justice, to offer help freely,
and to reflect the light of Christ in everyday acts of love.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for peace in our world.
Where there is conflict, bring understanding;
where there is violence, bring restraint;
where there is fear, let your light overcome the darkness.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We remember before you all who are sick, injured, or recovering,
those who are lonely, grieving, or in distress.
Surround them with your healing presence
and strengthen those who care for them.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who are homeless,
especially in this season of cold and dangerous weather.
Provide warmth, shelter, and safety,
and move our hearts to respond with compassion.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We commend to you all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy made known through Jesus Christ,
the light that no darkness can overcome. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

SENDING

BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

God's Work, Our Hands

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson

1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:

build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold,
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal,
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least,
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your gos - - pel,
shar - ing the good news of your gos - - pel,
shar - ing the good news of your gos - - pel,
shar - ing the good news of your gos - - pel.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers...

Healing: **Ralph Burdick** (2/21), **Nancy Fricke** (3/01),
Kimberly Long (3/03), **Mia Long** (3/03),
Dalton Paul (2/16)



Continuing Prayers: **Joanne Caskey, Pat Dent, June Diehl, Mark Hammer, Charles Kampmeyer, Julie Paul**

Grieving: Family of LaVonne Dorseth and Mark Hammer

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

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	February 1	56 in person	21 online
	January 25 Online Video	YouTube 15 views Facebook 298 views	



ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18. We will be having a 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. service with scripture, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. These services will last no longer than 10-15 minutes. The evening service will be our traditional service including music, imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. You are welcome to invite friends and neighbors to worship on this day. We pray that **the scouts and their families** will join us as well.

SCOUT SUNDAY 2026



A big welcome to our Scouts and their families who are joining us today. We are delighted to have you as a part of the troops that meet at First Lutheran and are excited to have you joining us for Christian Worship this morning.

Pack/Troop Leadership

Chartered Organization Rep: Paul Holbrook

Committee Chairman: Eunice Lehman

Committee Members: Jean Purnell and Jennifer Haughie

Pack

Cubmaster: Christy Burkholder

Den Leader: Eunice Lehman

Cub Scouts: Kaleb Argabright, Vance Kampstra, Emmitt Kukola, Micah McElhiney, Alice Miller, Brom Miller and Mason Sacco

Troop

Scoutmaster: Phillip Layton

Assistant Scoutmasters: Christy Burkholder, Rodney Rickrode, David Gaskill and Delmar Burridge

Scouts: Miles Thieling

Scout Rank: Quinton Clever, Kai Thompson, Harrison Rickrode, Ilesh Subedi, Aslan Shives, Jude Shoup, Kai Sanders and Ryan Osei Asibey

Tenderfoot: David Ordonez

Second Class: Carson Windhorst

First Class: Connor Gaskill, Gabriel Haughie and Samuel Nienstedt

Life: Christian Burkholder

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.



LARC
2026

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT Join us on Wednesday evenings for 5 weeks beginning February 5 for our Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic (LARC) worship and fellowship. Soup suppers will be served at 5:30 at the church where worship will be taking place. Worship will then be at 7:00 p.m. Corpus Christi has graciously offered to host worship twice on February 25 and March 4. First Lutheran will host on March 11. Trinity Lutheran will host on March 18. And Trinity Episcopal will host on March 25.

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 The 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 from Pennsylvania state or county jail and who strongly desire to change the way of life they have chosen in the past. Checks to support Harken House may be made payable to LARC.



THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA) will gather for Bible Study and fellowship on Thursday, February 12th at 1:00 p.m. in meeting room 1. All women of the church are welcome!



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!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS 2025 Thrivent

Beneficiary Members 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." Last year First Lutheran received \$1146 from Choice Dollars. Thank you.



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.

THE BALTIMORE CONSORT performing music of Shakespeare's time "IN ANGEL'S WEDE: Music for Mary Queen of Scots" Narration by Emmy Award Winner, Robert Aubry Davis on Sunday, February 22 at 4 p.m. at First Evangelical Lutheran Church at the corner of S. Bedford and E. High streets in Carlisle. Free admission, freewill offering, and a reception.

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

Variety Show

with a Pancake & Sausage Brunch

March 1st

following worship

This is a fundraiser to help our young people attend camps and retreats.

If you have some variety to share

(skit, jokes, music, dance, magic, juggling) you get the idea...
please speak with Cassie Craven to have your act placed in the
program. Save the date to attend and have a great time with
everyone. Thanks to Thrivent Financial for helping us with expenses.





THIS WEEK AT FIRST

February 8 – February 15

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship – Scout Sunday
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday	6:15 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
	1:00 p.m.	Women of the ELCA
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
		March FNF Deadline



February 8

Lector: Jane Love
Communion Assistants:
Greeters: Bob Wildeson
Nancy Wildeson
Altar Guild: Barb Evans
Ushers: Jim Brown
Denny Love
Mary Beth Warne McGraw
Rose Wilson

February 15

Gary Fleegal
Jim Brown
Ralph Burdick
Deb Fleegal
Bob Wildeson
Nancy Wildeson
Barb Evans
Jim Brown
Denny Love
Mary Beth Warne McGraw
Rose Wilson

February 18
Ash Wednesday

Becky Hoover
Jim Brown
Ralph Burdick
Deb Fleegal
Bob Wildeson
Nancy Wildeson
Barb Evans
Jim Brown
Denny Love
Mary Beth Warne McGraw
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Ashley Hessong
Sally Herritt
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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

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