



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

MARCH 22-29, 2026

## WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you've worshiped with us before, welcome back! If this is your first time, we're so glad you're here! We hope you feel surrounded by God's love, grace and mercy as you worship today—our ushers, greeters, staff or anyone nearby in the pews are happy to help with any questions, during or after worship.

## LENT AT FIRST LUTHERAN: GOOD NEIGHBORS

Lent is a season that gently calls us to slow our pace, open our hearts and pay closer attention—to God's voice and to the needs of our neighbors. At First Lutheran, we're reflecting on what it means to live as Good Neighbors, discovering simple and meaningful ways to show love, compassion and care in everyday life.

**Midweek Lenten Worship** – Join us on Wednesday, March 25, for Midweek Lenten Worship at 12:00 PM or 6:30 PM (evening service livestreamed) as we gather for Holden Evening Prayer. Through scripture, prayer and song, this peaceful and reflective service offers a chance to pause in the middle of the week and reconnect with God. A PrayGround will be available for children, featuring hands-on activities that invite them to participate in worship while parents and caregivers worship nearby.

**Meals & Fellowship** - Stay for lunch at 12:30 PM following the noon service or join us for dinner at 5:30 PM before the evening service.

## THIS WEEK'S LENTEN "GOOD NEIGHBOR"

At this week's Midweek Holden Evening Prayer services, we will hear a Good Neighbor story from First Lutheran members Jim and Connie Kisling, who recently returned from a trip to Tanzania. They will share what they experienced as they met and learned from our global neighbors—and reflect on how we, too, can live as good neighbors, even across great distances.

## ENVELOPE CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

Support the high school youth trip to Pittsburgh and camp scholarships by donating. Simply select an envelope from the bulletin board in the Gathering Area, fill it with the corresponding dollar amount, and return it by April 12. Any contribution is appreciated.

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TODAY

In this morning's Adult Forum session in the Chapel from 9:30-10:30 AM, Patrick Hayden Roy will provide a historical context for understanding the current conflict in the Middle East.

If you're looking for an informal space to explore how to live out your baptismal promise to "work for justice and peace," join Faithful Conversations, held every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Gathering Area. Each session offers resources for viewing the week's news through a lens of faith, creating an opportunity to reflect on current events in a supportive community. You can also respond to the texts, sermon or music from worship, engage in quieting practices and join in prayer. At the last gathering, a deep concern was shared for fellow Nebraskans affected by the recent wildfires.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday | March 29 | 8:15 & 10:45 AM | Intergenerational Holy Week Trivia Competition 9:30 AM

Maundy Thursday | April 2 | Noon & 6:30 PM

Good Friday | April 3 | Noon & 6:30 PM

Community Easter Vigil | April 4 | 6:30 PM at Shepherd of the Hills in Hickman

Easter Sunday | April 5 | 8:00, 9:30 (livestream) & 11:00 AM | Easter Breakfast 8:30-10:00 AM

Note: No Saturday worship on March 28 and April 4

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## GET READY TO KAHOOT YOUR WAY THROUGH HOLY WEEK TRIVIA!

Hey, trivia fans! Mark your calendars because EVERYBODY (yes, that means YOU) is invited to the Activity Center on Palm Sunday, March 29, at 9:30 AM for a morning of fun, laughs, and Kahoot! Bring your smartphone (or team up with someone) and dive into this easy trivia game. Oh, and did we mention PRIZES? Mark your calendar and bring your A-game!

## REGISTER NOW FOR WILD WONDER VBS!

Get ready for a week of outdoor fun, creativity and discovering God's creation! First Lutheran and Our Saviour's are teaming up for VBS, June 22–26, from 8:15 AM–Noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Open to kids ages 3 through 5th grade, this action-packed week includes music, Bible stories, hands-on science, crafts, games and daily time to explore nature—all with breakfast and snacks provided. Register now: [https://bit.ly/flc-vbs-2026!](https://bit.ly/flc-vbs-2026)

## PALM SUNDAY: RALLY FOR COMPASSION AND JUSTICE

Join us for a nationwide Palm Sunday Action Rally on March 29 at 3:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Omaha (7020 Cass St). This gathering will promote compassion and justice through prayer, music and remarks from local clergy. All are welcome to attend.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER OPPORTUNITIES

- Easter Lilies – Purchase a lily for \$15 in honor, memory or celebration of a loved one for Easter Sunday. Order by March 31: [https://bit.ly/2026\\_lilies](https://bit.ly/2026_lilies).
- Worship Assistants – Volunteers are needed for Holy Week and Easter services. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/HolyWeekAssistant> and <https://bit.ly/easter-worship-assistant>.
- Easter Breakfast – Bring a breakfast casserole or baked goods for Easter morning. Sign up to help at <https://bit.ly/flc-easter-breakfast>.

## WE'RE HIRING!

On Friday, we bid a warm farewell to our Parish Coordinator, Mandy West, thanking her for her dedicated service. First Lutheran Church is now seeking a full-time Parish Coordinator (32–35 hours/week) to support the daily life of our congregation. If you're organized, communicative and hospitable with office experience and strong people skills, this could be the role for you or someone you might know! Interested? Contact Pastor Erin for more details.

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

M. Joyce Hansen, Sylvia Kempf, Pastor Bill Peterson, Cindy Schuster, Betty Miller, Mary Brass, Jeanette Metteer, Dennis Schuster, Vern Westberg, Rod Price, Margrett Wehland, Michael Dalton, Pastor Marsha Anderson, Marge and Bob Wessels, Beth Strasheim, Ruby Augustine, Linda Hinkle, Carol Reckmeyer, Bob Wessels, Nyakhan Duoth and Nyabuony Ubeck and family.

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations  
9:30 AM - Adult Forum  
9:30 AM - Learning Hour (3 yrs-High School)  
9:30 AM - Fellowship Hour  
9:30 AM - First Communion Class  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
1:00 PM - Church Council Retreat

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 AM - First Fitness  
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk  
7:00 PM - Worship & Music Committee

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

5:45 PM - Bible Study  
7:00 PM - Property Committee

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!  
Noon - Lenten Holden Evening Prayer  
12:30 PM - Lenten Lunch  
5:30 PM - Lenten Dinner  
6:30 PM - Lenten Holden Evening Prayer  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 AM - Quilters  
9:00 AM - First Fitness  
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers  
7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

6:00 PM - Created Concert (UNL Lutheran Center / 535 N. 16th)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29 - Palm Sunday

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Intergenerational Kahoot Holy Week Trivia Competition  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
3:00 PM - Palm Sunday Action Rally First United Methodist Church - Omaha - 7020 Cass St