

Thursday Lenten Luncheons for 2026

February 26— First United Methodist—Rev. Jeanette McCormick

March 5 – First Lutheran —Rev. John Mitchem

March 12- Westminster Presbyterian—Rev. Jeremy Hallquist

March 19 – American Lutheran—Rev. Scott Prouty

Services will begin at 12:00 pm and end at 12:30 pm. Each service will feature a different pastor. These services are ecumenical in nature. Please join us and invite a friend!



Reminder: On Sunday, March 8 the time changes. (Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour)

Why we sing *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land* on the first Sunday in Lent is because it gives voice to faith that is shaped in weariness, grief, and waiting, which are central to the story of Lazarus in John 11. At the tomb, Jesus does not bypass sorrow but enters it fully, weeping with those who mourn before calling Lazarus back to life, and this spiritual names that same promise of presence in the midst of pain. Rooted in the African American spiritual tradition and drawing on biblical images from Isaiah and the Psalms of God as refuge, shelter, and rock, the hymn reflects a communal theology forged through suffering and sustained hope, where trust in God is sung again and again. Singing this hymn at the beginning of Lent reminds us that Christ's power over death does not erase grief but meets us within it, offering shelter, endurance, and life where weariness seems to have the final word.

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February 22, 2026 – Jesus Raises Lazarus (1st Sunday in Lent) (* = please stand)

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*GATHERING SONG ELW 610, “O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

*GREETING

*KYRIE (p. 138)

“Have Mercy on Us”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING: Romans 6:4-11 (Red Bible p. 917)

PSALM RESPONSE

TFF 13, “Lord, Send Out Your Spirit: Psalm 104”

PSALM 104:27-30 (Red Bible p. 484)

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NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142)

“Return to the Lord”

*GOSPEL: John 11:1-44 (Red Bible p. 873-874)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 333, “Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land”

*APOSTLES CREED

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*PEACE

OFFERING & CGC MOMENT

OFFERING SONG

ELW 185, “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

OFFERING PRAYER (p. 144)

*LORD’S PRAYER (p. 145)

*BLESSING (p. 146)

*SENDING SONG

ELW 886, “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*DISMISSAL (p. 146)

LENTEN SUPPERS @ FIRST

February 25— Finance (Pizza)

March 4—Youth (Walking Taco’s)

March 11—Worship & Music Team (Ham & Turkey Sandwiches)

March 18—Evangelism Team (Tater Tot Hotdish)

March 25—Church Council (BBQ’s)

The meal will be served from 5:15 to 5:45 pm.



SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR: Diane Sletten
ACOLYTE: Olivia Gerdes
SOUND: Doug Frisch
POWERPOINT: Glenda Lais
PIANIST: Sherri Isder
VAN DRIVERS: 2-22 Midg White (360-3215)
3-1 Larry Woodbury (360-2689)
GREETER: Todd Hallstrom
LIVESTREAM: Erin Makela
COFFEE: Robert & Bonnie Bents & Miles & Ady Hein

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 83 Attendance a year ago: 67
Attendance Last Wednesday: 18 Livestream: 367



Members: Laura Christensen, Bob Benson, Linda Towne, Mike Vosburgh, Logan Waldner, Shirley Frisch, Erin Schutte-Wadzinski, Wadzinski Family, Leroy Merkel, Alvin Kuehl, Jean Black, Dennis Zierke, Kathy Summers, Glenda Lais, Val Veen, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen

Members in Nursing Homes: Joan Tofteland

Members in Care Facilities: Karen Lewis, Jean Bender

Family Members & Friends: Diane (DeWitt) Duitsman, Tiah Colacci (friend of Pastor Jeanette), Aaron & Amy Koob (nephew of Dale & Debbie Koob), Rita Knutson, Wendy Frodermann (family of Eric & Lisa Milbrath), Rachael Felske (granddaughter of Karen Buchman), Darlene Voxland (Aunt of Lisa Waldner), Suzy Wilson (cousin of Gayle Huehn), Ken Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing and Nancy Hellstrom), Vickie Bierman (sister of Lisa Waldner), Darlene Vaala (grandmother of Tiffany Neugebauer), Debbie Schannaw (daughter of Gayle Huehn), Rick Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing & Nancy Hellstrom), Kelly Reeves & family (Friend of Lisa Waldner), Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming, Mark Richards, Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son)

Our service men and women and Love INC

FELC SCHEDULE FOR February 23-March 1, 2026

Monday - 23	9:00AM 2:00-3:30PM	BULLETIN DEADLINE GriefShare
Tuesday - 24	7:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
Wednesday - 25	4:00-5:15PM 5:15PM 6:00PM 6:45PM	Kids for Christ (KFC) Meal Lenten Service Sanctuary Choir
Thursday - 26	12:00-1:00PM 6:00PM	Lent Luncheon @ 1 st United Methodist Beverages & Bibles @ Elks
Friday - 27		Pastor's Sabbath Day
Saturday - 28		
Sunday - 1	8:00AM 8:45AM 9:30AM	Grace Lutheran Worship Sunday School Worship/Communion - Jesus Washes Feet (2 nd Sunday in Lent)

Radio Broadcast Sponsor:

(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

First Lutheran is delivering furniture for Love INC on March 1 after the service. If you are available to help deliver, please call or text Timothy Tarus at 651-208-2449.

Silent Auction will be held March 11-25. Donations accepted of homemade items, gifts baskets, tickets, gift cards, etc. If you have any questions, please talk to Brenda R. All proceeds go towards funding the youth summer trips. Help set up the auction on Sunday, March 8 during fellowship time after worship.

Ice Skating fun for Kids! Sunday, March 22 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the JBS Ice Arena. This event is free and friends are welcome. Sponsored by First United Methodist and First Lutheran.