

**Silent Auction** will be going on until March 25. All proceeds go towards funding the youth summer trips. Check out the tables in the Lion Den room & Centennial Hall. Many varieties of baskets to bid on.

**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.



**EASTER LILIES** will be used at our Easter service on April 5. If you would like to order one in memory or in honor of loved ones, contact the church office. Please indicate if you will be picking them up after the 9:30 am service or if you will leave them here. The cost for a Lily will be \$11. The deadline to have your order in is March 20. There will be **NO** orders taken after this date so get your order in early.



**March is Minnesota Food Share Month.** This means our faith community, by registering for the March Campaign, can increase donations to the local Manna Food Pantry. Place donated nonperishable food items in the shopping cart in the lower narthex starting today. Also consider donating cash or grocery gift cards. The food shelves can *stretch* cash donations further because of their access to discount products and programs. Help us feed more local families and end hunger in our community.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** – “The Truth Will Make You Free” (*Anne Krentz Organ; Augsburg*)  
*If you continue in my word, you are truly, truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Know the word, know the truth, my disciples be. Know the word, know the truth, the truth will make you free.*

**Why we sing *Be Thou My Vision*** as we hear of Jesus standing before Pilate is because this hymn trains our sight on Christ when truth itself seems contested. In the shadow of political power, accusation, and Pilate’s haunting question, “What is truth?”, Jesus remains steady and clear about his purpose. The hymn becomes our prayer that Christ, not fear or ambition or public approval, would be our vision and guide. Rooted in an early Irish poem often attributed to Dallan Forgaill and later translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne before being versified by Eleanor Hull, the text carries rich imagery of God as shield and shelter, echoing the protective language of Ireland’s loric prayers. Paired with the traditional Irish tune SLANE, named for the hill where Saint Patrick is said to have lit the Easter fire in defiance of earthly decree, the hymn reminds us that allegiance to Christ may stand in tension with the powers of the day. In Lent, when we examine our loyalties and distractions, *Be Thou My Vision* asks that Christ’s truth shape our sight, steady our loyalty, and order our desires, so that whatever voices clamor for our devotion, we belong first to the King whose kingdom is not from here.

Voice

**Psalm 145**

Eric E. Parrish

Your king dom is an ev - er - last - ing king - dom; your do - min - ion en - dures through - out all a - ges.

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**March 15, 2026** – Jesus & Pilot (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent) (\* = please stand)

- GATHERING, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 94)
- \*GATHERING SONG ELW 654, The Church’s One Foundation”
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- PSALM 145:10-13 (Red Bible p. 506)
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- CHILDREN’S SERMON
- \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142) “Return to the Lord”
- \*GOSPEL: John 18:28-40 (Red Bible p. 881)
- SERMON (Artwork by Patrick Boe) Pastor Jeanette
- \*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 793, “Be Thou My Vision”
- \*APOSTLES CREED
- \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
- \*PEACE
- OFFERING & CGC MOMENT
- CHOIR ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir, “The Truth Will Make You Free” (Anne Krent)
- OFFERING SONG ELW 186, “Create in Me a Clean Heart”
- OFFERING PRAYER
- \*GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE
- \*PREFACE
- \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW 190)
- \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (p. 108)
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- PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p. 146)
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- \*SENDING SONG ELW 660, “Lift High the Cross” (vs. 1 – 3)
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### SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR:** Erin Makela  
**ACOLYTE:** Braelynn Schroeder  
**SOUND:** Doug Frisch  
**POWERPOINT:** Kathy Summers  
**PIANIST:** Cindy Anderson  
**VAN DRIVERS:** 3-15 Daren Bauman (360-9275)  
3-22 Midg White (360-3215)  
**GREETER:** Diana White  
**LIVESTREAM:** Ethan Nixon  
**COFFEE:** Norma & Larry Woodbury & Dinae Sletten

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 85                      Attendance a year ago: 93  
Attendance Last Wednesday: 40                      Livestream: 407

**SAVE THE DATES** for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration the weekend of June 27-28, 2026.

**NEW DATE: Come help us celebrate** Leroy Merkel's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday next Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 pm at the Meadows in the north building.



**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 Toffeland

**Members in Care Facilities:** Karen Lewis, Jean Bender

**Family Members & Friends:** Verna Hill (mother of Mary Ingenthron), Avrey Smith (brother of Austin Peters-Smith), 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 March 16-22, 2026

Monday - 16	9:00AM 2:00-3:30PM	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b> GriefShare
Tuesday - 17	7:00AM 6:00PM 7:15PM	Early Risers Bible Study Finance Team Church Council <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>
Wednesday – 18	4:00-5:15PM 5:15PM 6:00PM 6:45PM	Kids for Christ (KFC) Lenten Supper – Tator Tot Hotdish Lenten Service Sanctuary Choir
Thursday – 19	9:30AM 12:00-1:00PM 1:30PM	Hannah Circle Lent Luncheon @ American Lutheran Memory Café <i>Piano Tuning</i>
Friday – 20		Pastor's Sabbath Day
Saturday – 21	8:30AM-1:00PM	Hope Haven Retreat
Sunday – 22	8:00AM 8:45AM 9:30AM	Grace Lutheran Worship Sunday School Worship – Jesus Condemned (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** In honor of Leroy Merkel on his birthday celebration.  
(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)



#### **LENTEN SUPPERS @ FIRST**

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.

#### **Thursday Lenten Luncheons for 2026**

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!