

Food Drive



**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. 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.



**Maundy Thursday, April 2**

Grace Service—5:30 pm

First Service—7:00 pm

**Good Friday, April 3**

Service @ Grace Only—6:00 pm

**Easter Vigil, April 4**

First Service—7:00 pm

**Why we sing** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* as we hear the account of Jesus crowned with thorns and presented to the crowd in the Gospel of John 19:1–16 is because this hymn teaches us how to look at the crucified Christ. When Pilate says, “Behold the man,” we are invited not to turn away but to behold him fully: mocked, robed in purple, wearing a crown of thorns, yet revealing a love deeper than humiliation and stronger than violence. Written by Isaac Watts and first published in *Hymns and Spiritual Songs* in 1707, the text moves us from observation to surrender. Watts does not allow us to remain distant spectators; he leads us to confess that “my richest gain I count but loss” and finally that love so amazing and so divine demands not a token offering but our soul, our life, our all. In Lent, especially as the shadow of the cross lengthens, this hymn becomes both meditation and prayer. We behold the man of sorrows, we are called to lay down pride, relinquish what once seemed gain, and offer ourselves wholly in response to the self-giving love displayed before us.



**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for people to help with cleaning the church from April 1-8. There is a sign-up sheet on the window of the office.



**The office will be closed** on Friday, April 3 & Monday, April 6 for the Easter holiday.

**The altar flowers** are given to the memory of family members who have passed by Fern Burmeister.

**First Lutheran Church – ELCA**

**1200 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Worthington, MN 56187**

Ministers: All baptized members – Jeanette McCormick, Pastor

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**March 22, 2026 – Jesus Condemned (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent) (\* = please stand)**

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Artwork by Patrick Boe)

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p. 94)

\*GATHERING SONG ELW 322, “Oh, Love, How Deep” (vs. 1, 3 5 & 7)

\*GREETING

\*KYRIE (p. 203)

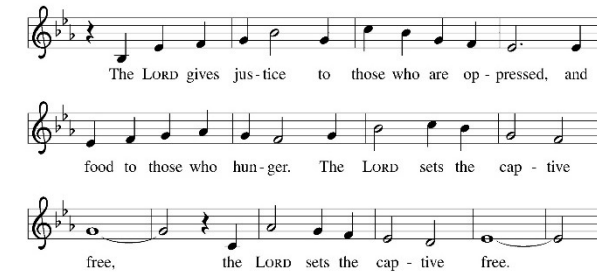
\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING: Acts 3:12-26 (Red Bible p. 887)

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 146 (Refrain 2)

Marty Haugen



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PSALM 146:1b-10a (Red Bible p. 507)

PSALM RESPONSE

CHILDREN’S SERMON

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142)

“Return to the Lord”

\*GOSPEL: John 19:1-16a (Red Bible p. 881)

SERMON (Artwork by Patrick Boe)

Pastor Jeanette

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 803, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

\*APOSTLES CREED

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

\*PEACE

OFFERING & CGC MOMENT (Artwork by Patrick Boe)

OFFERING SONG

ELW 186, “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

OFFERING PRAYER

\*LORD’S PRAYER

\*BLESSING (p. 146)

\*SENDING SONG

ELW 727, “Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth”

\*DISMISSAL (p. 146)

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR:** Ed Philipp  
**ACOLYTE:** Jordan Blair  
**SOUND:** Doug Frisch  
**POWERPOINT:** Glenda Lais  
**ORGANIST:** Nancy Hofstee  
**VAN DRIVERS:** 3-22 Midg White (360-3215)  
3-29 Larry Woodbury (360-2689)  
**GREETER:** Bob & Jane Benson  
**LIVESTREAM:** Becca McGaughey  
**COFFEE:** Clinton & Alison Nixon Family

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 0                      Attendance a year ago: 66  
Attendance Last Wednesday: 44              Livestream: 561



**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:** David King (friend of Kevin & Pam Fleming), 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 23-29, 2026

Monday - 23	9:00AM	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>
	9:00AM	Staff Meeting
	2:00-3:30PM	GriefShare
Tuesday - 24	7:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
Wednesday - 25	4:00-5:15PM	Kids for Christ (KFC)
	5:15PM	Lenten Supper – BBQ's (Council)
	6:00PM	Lenten Service
	6:45PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday - 26	6:00PM	Beverages & Bibles @ Elks
Friday - 27		Pastor's Sabbath Day
Saturday - 28		
Sunday - 29	8:00AM	Grace Lutheran Worship
	8:45AM	Sunday School
	9:30AM	Worship – The Crucified Messiah (Passion Sunday)

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** In memory of Tegan Murray by Jeff & Evelyn Murray.  
(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)



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

March 25—Church Council (BBQ's)

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

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



#### **Easter Sunday Services**

8:00 am—Worship @ Grace Lutheran

9:30 am – Worship @ First Lutheran

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- 2) In what ways does fear cause me to make wrong decisions? Fear of being removed or an insurrection may have led Pilate to “go along” with something he knew was wrong.
- 3) Am I listening to God about what is right and wrong or listening to the voices around me, just as Pilate listened to the crowd gathered around him?
- 4) Are there ways where I mock, dehumanize or humiliate others (or stand by while others do this)? When we look at Jesus being dressed up mockingly as a king, hit in the face, tortured by a crown of thorns and more, we see everyone who is ridiculed and mocked in this world. What does this image call us to confess and what does this image call us to do?

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