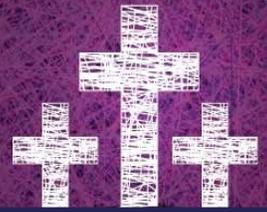




# First Lutheran Church

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Sunday, March 5, 2023 · 10:45 AM · 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

# WELCOME

*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

### GATHERING SONG

*God You Are*

When I was young, You called my name. I tried to run, but still, You came.  
And You stepped into the dark, 'Cause that's just the kind of God You are.

When heaven seems beyond my reach, You still see eternity in me.  
You're turning ashes into art 'Cause that's just the kind of God You are.

**Chorus: It's in the empty tomb, it's on the rugged cross. Your death defying love is written in Your scars.  
You'll never quit on me. You'll always hold my heart 'Cause that's the kind of God You are.**

You gave me freedom from my sin. You told me I could start again.  
All the hurt is dead and gone. Now we're Your daughters and Your sons.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound! We once were lost, but now we're found.  
Forever You hold us in Your arms 'Cause that's just the kind of God You are. **Chorus**

You are holy, holy, holy. High and set apart. You are holy, holy, holy. God, that's who You are.  
You are holy, holy, holy. High and set apart. You are holy, holy, holy. God, that's who You are.

**Chorus 2 times**

When I was young, You called my name. I tried to run, but still, You came.  
And You stepped into the dark 'Cause that's just the kind of God You are.

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P/C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown. Renew us and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

**Chorus: Lord, You are more precious than silver, Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with You.**

High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 12:1-3*

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

*Psalm 122:6-9*

R: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

**C: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."**

R: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

**C: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

R: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

*John 3:1-17*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Pastor Joe Skogmo

### SONG OF THE DAY

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believe!

**Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.**

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. **Chorus 2 times**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine;

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Apostle's Creed*

**C: 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 THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## NOISY OFFERING

*Becker County Food Pantry*

*The Becker County Food Pantry serves as a resource for food and supplies for Becker County residents in need.*

## OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

P/C: Loving God, receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.

## COMMUNION

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

### Distribution

### Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

**C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

### SENDING SONG

*God So Loved*

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty.  
Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.  
Come all you sinners, come find His mercy.  
Come to the table; He will satisfy.  
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.

**Chorus: For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.**

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms. **Chorus**

**Chorus 2: The power of hell forever defeated.  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom,  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

Praise God, praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him, for the wonders of His love.  
Praise God, praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him, for the wonders of His love. His amazing love.

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save. **Chorus & Chorus 2**

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

### SENDING

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

#### Welcome Visitor!

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm a guest of: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm a member of: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about First Lutheran Church.



**GAME DAY**  
**Sunday, March 12**  
**2-5 p.m.**  
**FLC Dining Room**  
*Come and try your hand at a variety of  
Table Games!*  
*Bring a Snack to Share!*  
*Beverages Provided*



#### Ways to Give **ONLINE**

**firstlutheranchurch.com**

One-time, weekly, monthly or quarterly. Checking, savings or credit card. *(fees associated with credit card usage)*

**TEXT: 218-228-3228**

Text your donation amount to the number listed above and follow instructions that are texted to you. (We suggest you add the phone number above as a contact in your phone for future use.)

#### **CHECK/CASH**

**912 Lake Avenue  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WALK TO JERUSALEM**—We have reached land! We are now in Morocco, a northern country of Africa. We are really traveling quickly from DL to Jerusalem. You can claim miles with all outdoor snow activities, going to the gym, and even cleaning house! It is not too late to join our walk. You can enter miles at any time. Enter your miles/minutes each week by dropping off the log sheet next to the world map in the Narthex, emailing them to [denise@firstlutheranchurch.com](mailto:denise@firstlutheranchurch.com), or go to the weekly update email and hit the tab under the Walk to Jerusalem information. Have another great week ‘walking’ everyone!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**—Please save the date for the Youth Pie Auction which will be held on Sunday, March 26. Sign up to donate pies at the volunteer table!

**DO I STAY CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY**—We will discuss Brian McLaren’s new book, *Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* (2022). The five-week book discussion will take place in the Church Library at 11:00 AM on Wednesday mornings during Lent: March 8—April 5. For more information, contact Gary Goreham at 701-200-6583. Books can be ordered by contacting Gary for \$24. All orders for a book need to be into Gary by February 20th.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES**—We will be offering 12:05 PM and 6 PM Services on Lenten Wednesdays. These services began Ash Wednesday and will continue each Wednesday through March 29. A free will offering meal will be offered following the noon service and the usual Wednesday night Oasis meal will be served before the 6 PM worship service beginning at 5 PM.

**TABLE GAME SUNDAY**—On Sunday, March 12 from 2 PM to 5 PM come play games with other church members in the Dinging Hall. Bring a snack to share. Beverages provided. We are excited to enjoy fun and fellowship with all of you!

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION MEETING**—FLC will have an Adult Faith Formation Meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 1:30 PM in the Conference Room

**ALL WFLC CIRCLE MEETING**—The WFLC will have their All Circle Gathering plus guests on Thursday, March 9 at 1:30 PM in the FLC Dining Room. Pastor Lauryl will offer a presentation of her recent trip to the Holy Land.

**UPC LABEL COLLECTION**—Please save UPC box labels from Our Family Brand groceries for Rebekah Circle. For every 500 we get \$25. Funds raised will go toward the Becker County Food Pantry and the FLC Agape Fund. There is a basket in the dining room closet you can place them in.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS**—The WFLC will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits this Spring! Items needed are as follows: Light weight bath towels, Bath size bar soap (8 to 9 oz), Adult size tooth brushes, Sturdy combs (no picks), & Metal nail clippers. There will be a collection tote by the office to donate any of these items. Thank you for your help in our effort to help aid the unfortunate. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to help.



### CREATION CARE NOTE

Did you know the phrase “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” appears in that order for a reason? Buying fewer things and reusing the things you do buy is essential to living an eco-friendly lifestyle.

### Join us for Worship!

**RADIO:** Broadcast on KDLM 1340-AM & 93.1-FM at 10 AM.

**WEBCAST:** Services are streamed on the FLC YouTube channel.

**TELEVISION:** Saturdays at 9 AM on Arvig Cable channel 14.

### ALTAR FLOWERS



The Altar Flowers given today are in honor of Rummy Haarstick's 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



### Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake  
Cole Woltjer  
Rodger Tinjum  
Chuck Berg  
Joe Morrison  
Elaine Hedman  
Nick Thompson  
Dale Pepelnjak  
Connie Goff  
Julie Manke  
Dave Johnson  
Sarah Seuntjens  
Bill Wegscheid  
Jim Andersen  
Lisa Weber  
Danielle Smith  
Phyllis Green  
Liz Mathison  
Norma Smith  
Judy Ford  
Dorothy Haverkamp  
Dave Nustad  
Arthur Strauss  
Marjorie Berg  
Jenny Horsely  
Pr. Brad Skogen  
Barbara Stambach  
Michael  
Andrew

### Prayers of Comfort to the family of

Ted Sims  
Dorothy Everson  
Jean Rolle  
*Names are kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks; please update the office, if you wish to remain on the list longer.*