

# **FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

We gather here every Sunday to experience the life changing and life-giving grace of God. In this place we discover the truth of which the Bible speaks, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Cor. 5:17).

We are thankful for your presence among us, thankful to God for His abiding presence that goes with you this week, and hopeful that you will be among us when we gather again.

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

## THE WORSHIP SERVICE

*The beginning of the organ prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*

### GATHERING

Prelude

**“Prelude in e minor”** (J.S. Bach)

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*The congregation stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly stands. The service continues with a gathering song.*

**Hymn      “As Jesus Journeyed with His Friends”**  
**(Sung to the tune of #565)**

**As Jesus journeyed with his friends,  
He broke great walls and barriers down.  
He showed how far God's love extends  
At Jacob's Well, outside of town.**

**A woman drew some water there,  
And Jesus asked her for a drink.  
They talked of life and truth and prayer —  
His kind, warm welcome made her think.**

**Though culture pushed them far apart,  
He looked past things that others saw.  
He saw the searching in her heart;  
His love shined greater than the law.**

**O God, when some are cast aside —  
When people here are scorned, oppressed,  
We see Christ reaching, arms stretched wide,  
To welcome, treasure, heal and bless.**

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **First Reading      Exodus 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> The Lord said

to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

**R/Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 95**      *(Read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing | to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God’s presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup> For you, Lord, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.**

<sup>7</sup> For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture  
and the sheep | of God’s hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God’s voice!

<sup>8</sup> **“Harden | not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors | tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,  
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my  
ways.’**

<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore | in my anger,  
‘They shall never come | to my rest.’ ”



P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**R/ Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jewish man, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jewish people do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his children and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband;' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is

from the Jewish people. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming”(who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “Here I am, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see someone who told me everything I have ever done! Can this be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging Jesus, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will and accomplish the work of the one who sent me. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and Jesus stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P/The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Youth Sermon

## Sermon

Hymn      “Rock of Ages”      #623

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
cleans me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church we confess our faith.

**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.**

*The service continues with the prayers of intercession.*

### **Prayers of the Church**

*To stay current with our many continuing prayer needs, we will refresh our prayer list at the beginning of each new month by starting with a clean slate. We understand that many people will continue to need prayer beyond the length of one month. If you wish to continue to have someone listed in the bulletin for public prayer, please call the office by the last Wednesday of the month.*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*At each petition,*  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words.*

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen**

## The Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. The assembly is seated.*

## THE MEAL

Offerings may be placed in the plates as they are passed. You can utilize your regular envelopes or the gold envelopes in the pews. You can also utilize our new online giving tool through Tithe.ly by visiting [felchurch.org](http://felchurch.org) or utilize the QR code here:

Checks can also be mailed to: First Lutheran, 246 S. Main Street, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Thank you for your generous support of First's Ministry.



*(Children, please bring your offering to the front of the church and place it in the "Thank You Jesus" Jar.)*

OFFERTORY:

**8:15**                    **“Largo” (J.S. Bach)**

**10:45**                    **PSALM 84 (Hal Hopson)**

- 1. How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place. My soul is longing, to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest, and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.**
- 2. In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.  
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord than revel in the riches the way of sin afford.**
- 3. A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord, most high; you shower us with blessings; no good you will deny.  
The saints your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go, and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.**
- 4. Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release; God shall fulfill the promise to bring your people peace.**
- 5. Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call. Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

Offertory Response: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

# 186

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Let us pray.

**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

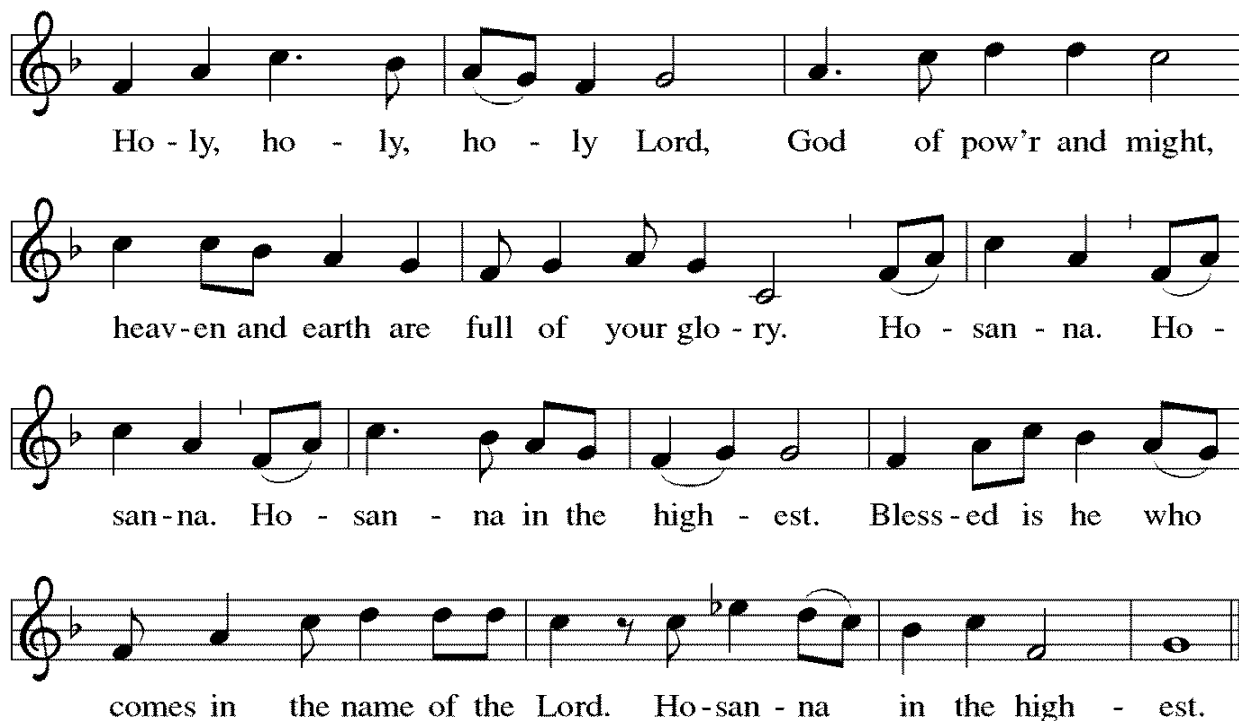
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## **COMMUNION**

*All baptized who wish to receive the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins and the nourishment of their lives are welcome. It is not necessary to be a member of First Lutheran to receive the sacrament.*

For those receiving the sacrament please note the following:  
Communion at 8:15 will be by intinction near the Baptismal Font.  
Communion at 10:45 is at the rail for those who desire.

- *We encourage everyone to continue using hand sanitizer before coming forward for communion.*
- *As you approach the chancel, take a plastic cup from the tray.*
- *The communion rail will fill from both sides of the congregation.*
- *We encourage everyone to leave added space at the rail, primarily between family units.*
- *For those who need gluten free or grape juice, please tell the Pastor or assistant during the distribution.*
- *Cups can be placed in the trays near each side aisle as you return to your pew.*
- *For those who would like to receive communion, but are not comfortable coming to the rail, please let an Usher know so that the Pastor and Assisting Minister can bring communion to you.*

*The assembly may be seated.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond Amen.*

*After all have received,*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

*The assisting minister leads a prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Hymn “The Water God Gives Us”

(Sung to the tune of #696)

**The water God gives us in wondrous supply  
Is water that's living and never runs dry.  
For everyone drinks and is thirsty again,  
But God's living water gives life without end.**

**O God, we confess that we seek empty things;  
We strive after wealth and the comfort it brings.  
We buy things in hopes that our spirits will soar  
Yet still we are thirsty and left wanting more.**

**Then just like that woman who went to the well,  
We hear you, O Christ, and the truth that you tell.  
You know who we are and you know what we've been;  
You know us and love us in spite of our sin.**

**The gift that you give is the greatest of wealth;  
You give living water! You give us yourself!  
May we, like that woman, go back where we live  
And tell those we know of the life that you give.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **BLESSED TO BLESS**

**SERVING TODAY:**

**8:15 AM**

**10:45 AM**

**ACOLYTE**

Colton Boggs

**LECTORS**

Bill Pfeifer

Jean Miller

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT**

Tawnya Combs

**ALTAR GUILD** for March includes Kim Woodley and Linda Griffith.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** this week Brandie, Suzy, Terry, Doug, Dennis, Barry, Marsha, Don, Broderick, Myron, Kris, Ray, Rachel, Kim, Alan, Jerry, Megan, Bill, Herman, Bobby, Patty, Hollie, and Ernie.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in honor of friends and family by Sam and Bobbie Laciak.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in honor of Brody by Cindy.

**INDEPENDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM** does not notify the church of member admissions. Please notify the pastor or call the church office if you or your loved one is hospitalized.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** for First's Prayer Chain may be made at any time by calling the church office or by writing the request on the prayer cards in the pew racks and placing it in the offering plate. **If for whatever reason you do not want your name listed but would like to be on the prayer list, just let us know when you make your request.**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** last Sunday was 101.

**NOISY OFFERING** last Sunday for Camp Agape was \$236. Thank you for your generosity.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** is available today and each Sunday, 9 - 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

**A NURSERY** is available for children to use on the second floor of the Education Building, down the hall from the Library.

**LENTEN WORSHIP AND LUNCH** 12:05 PM Thursday, March 12 at Zion's Lutheran Church. Menu is Broccoli cheese soup or chicken noodle soup, veggies/dip, and Texas sheet cake.

**PASTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION:** Pastor Chris Combs may be reached either by calling the church office at 724-834-1457, by email at [PastorChris@felchurch.org](mailto:PastorChris@felchurch.org) or by calling or texting his cell phone at 412-973-4179. If the concern is of an urgent nature, please call his cell phone.

# Attention Parents!

We are getting ready for First Communion. If your child is in 2nd grade or beyond and you think they are ready for their First Communion, we will be having First Communion class on March 14th at 9:00am. We will meet in the Sanctuary as we prepare for First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chris.

## YOUTH SUNDAY MARCH 22

If you have a child who would like to participate in our upcoming Youth Sunday, please reach out to the office ASAP so we have time to prepare.

### **SWPA LDR – Upcoming Mission Trips**

**Youth** – Save the Date – plans are being made for a trip to Johnstown, PA on July 5-8. This trip will end with a celebration with a group of youth coming from the Nebraska Synod to work in the Pittsburgh area. Registrations need to be completed by May 1.

If you are interested in either of these trips, please reach out to Pr. Chris for additional information.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**March 15th**

Meeting will immediately follow the **ONE** worship service at 9:30 AM

We will conduct the business of the Annual Meeting, including consideration of Constitutional Amendments.

Please note - Sunday School will still meet at 9:30.

## SPRING TEA

Join us on April 25, 2026, at 1:00PM for Otterbein United Methodist Church's Spring Tea fundraiser.

There will be lots of fun, delicious food, and live musical entertainment. In addition, there will be a silent auction with lots of options including golf passes, gift cards for local establishments, Steeler memorabilia, and more!

Call Otterbein United Methodist Church Office at 724-834-4060 for tickets. Ticket cost is \$25. Bring a friend and come out for a time of fun and fellowship.

**CHRISTIAN OUTREACH** is participating in the **NexTrex Recycling Challenge**. Before October 1, 2026, we hope to collect 1000 pounds of plastic bags. This plastic will be recycled into decking boards and First can earn a park bench made of these boards. There are collection bins located in the Fellowship Hall, Education Building, and the Narthex for you to deposit your clean, dry, and free of food residue plastic bags.

Since October 2025, 356 pounds of plastic have been deposited and taken to Westmoreland Cleanways for recycling.

### **Do Not Include:**

Frozen food bags, candy wrappers, chip bags, net or mesh bags, mulch or soil bags, degradable/compostable bags/film, pre-washed salad mix bags, pet food bags, hot dog or meat wrap packaging, six-pack rings, PPE gloves, masks or protective wear, pool covers, lamination film, silage and hay bags, vinyl shower curtains or table cloths, bedding or linen packaging, shiny, crinkly film like floral wrap or backyard ice rinks.

**THE IRWIN MALE CHORUS** will perform at Harrold Zion Lutheran Church Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM. A free-will offering event. Please stay for refreshments after the concert.

I will  
Follow  
God  
like  
Ruth



Ruth Circle will meet on **WEDNESDAY MARCH 11** at 7:00 in the church parlor. We invite all women of the congregation to join us for an evening of fellowship and always delicious dessert. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.**



# Pipes, Peals, Piano and Pizza

Sunday, March 22 @ 4 pm

First Lutheran Church

246 S. Main Street

Greensburg, PA



Featuring:

Josh Beck, pianist

First Lutheran Handbell Choir

Marvin Huls, organ

Marc Tourre, baritone



Free event and open to the public



## 2026 LENTEN

### CONGREGATIONAL PROJECT

Ash Wednesday was February 18, and our thoughts now turn to God and.....our Lenten Project! A collection of clean, gently used clothing will occur

from the 18<sup>th</sup> of February through Easter Sunday, to again be donated to the Community Clothes Closet at the Free Methodist Church in Greensburg. **Clothing can be dropped off on or beneath the table on the bathroom side of the Fellowship Hall.**

The Community Clothes Closet plays an important role in providing clothing to the county's children who have been displaced from their homes, often suddenly. This is where the Closet's greatest need lies. To assist with that need, a monetary collection will occur at the same time. If you find your closets are bare of unwanted clothing, consider a donation to help these children. Donations can be made via the yellow envelopes in the pews, with the designation Community Clothes Closet.



Food  
Pantry  
Needs

To stock **FOOD FROM the HEART (FFTH)** cupboards we are asking for donations in the upcoming months:

- March** spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, or pasta  
**April** chicken broth, beef broth, or creamed soups  
**May** canned fruits, canned vegetables, or apple sauce

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST:**

### **Sunday – March 8 – Lent 3**

Java Table will be open.

8:15 – Worship

9:30 – Sunday School

10:00 – Choir

10:45 – Worship

### **Tuesday – March 10**

6:00 – Council

### **Wednesday – March 11**

Food from the Heart

6:00 – Lenten Worship

6:30 – Handbells

7:00 – Ruth Circle

### **Saturday – March 14**

7:00 – First Communion Class

### **Sunday – March 15 – Lent 4**

9:30 – Worship

9:30 – Sunday School

Congregational meeting

*“... if we are faithless, he remains faithful, he cannot deny himself.”  
2 Timothy 2:13*

Saved by Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit we share God’s love, through word and deed, in service to all of God’s Children.



# ***ORDER LILIES FOR EASTER***

Lilies will again decorate our church on Easter Sunday. You are invited to purchase a plant at a cost of \$15.00 and “lend” it to the parish. Plants that are purchased may be removed from the church following the 10:45 AM Easter Sunday Service. Any lilies that are not removed by the Wednesday following Easter will be given to our Food from the Heart guests.

Your purchase may be made “in memory of” or “in honor of” the person(s) of your choosing. Please indicate your preference and return this form with your payment. All orders are due by **Monday, March 23.**

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## ***Lilies Order***

*In honor of* \_\_\_\_\_

*By* \_\_\_\_\_

***and/or***

*In memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*By* \_\_\_\_\_

*Amount enclosed \$* \_\_\_\_\_



## JOIN OUR MARCH FOR PARKS TEAM!

We are organizing a First Lutheran TEAM to participate in the MARCH FOR PARKS on Saturday, March 28. The event will take place at Twin Lakes Park in Greensburg at the Activity Center. The March for Parks has raised funds for the County Parks and Trails for the past 24 years. There will be a pig roast and BBQ sandwiches, raffles, live entertainment, family friendly activities, and a “march” around Twin Lakes Park.

Make a \$30 donation online and receive an official March for Parks t-shirt at a discount (price increase for day-of registration). Kids can make a \$15 donation and receive a cool prize (price increase for day-of registration). Visit [www.WestmorelandCountyPA.gov/MFP](http://www.WestmorelandCountyPA.gov/MFP) to donate using PayPal. Don't wait – donate early! Or arrive at Twin Lakes Park at 10:00 AM on March 28 and turn in your donations for the “First Lutheran” team.

As in the past, all funds raised by the First Lutheran Team will be matched by the Matching Gifts program. First Lutheran has been a strong participant ever since the March began in 2003 and has won many awards in the team competition. Funds raised at the March for Parks go directly to projects in our parks and trails, without spending tax dollars. Your donations go right back into our facilities that you use every day. Please join us on March 28! You will have fun, get some exercise, and show our community that First Lutheran is an active church committed to helping make Westmoreland County a better place to live and work!



**EASTER EGG HUNT  
HOLY SATURDAY  
April 4, 2026, 10:00 AM**

All children ages 12 and under are invited to come and hunt for Easter eggs at First Lutheran Church. Friends are invited to join you as well.

Name of child attending \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate below if your child has any food restrictions or allergies.**

