

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.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 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 **“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”**
(arr. Anne Krentz Organ)

Handbell Quartets

8:15 Tom Flory, Sue Boggs, Pastor Chris Combs, Elizabeth Rowe
10:45 Rebecca Brunetta, Tawnya Combs, Charla Keffer, Shirley Huls

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, 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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn **“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”** **#367**

**1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

First Reading **Acts 7:55-60**

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son-of-Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged Stephen out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

R/Thanks be to God!

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

(Read Responsively)

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

² **Incline your | ear to me;**
make haste to de- | liver me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my
crag | and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,**
for you are my tow- | er of strength.

⁵ Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are | in your hand;**
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who | persecute me.

¹⁶ Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it
you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord
is good.

⁴ Come to the Lord, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet
chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let
yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it
stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in it will not be put to shame.”

⁷ To you then who believe, it is precious; but for those who do not

believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and “A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into the marvelous light of God.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

R/Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia.* I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. *Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the fourteenth chapter.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know and have seen my

Father.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but it is the Father who dwells in me who does these works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

P/The Gospel of the Lord. R/ Praise to you, O Christ.

Youth Sermon

Sermon

Hymn “I Received the Living God” #477

Refrain

**I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.**

**1 Jesus said: I am the bread,
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die. *Refrain***

- 2 Jesus said: I am the way,
and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home
to be one with us anew. *Refrain***
- 3 Jesus said: I am the truth;
come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart,
and my word shall make you free. *Refrain***
- 4 Jesus said: I am the life,
far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread,
and my Spirit you shall know. *Refrain***

Nicene Creed: With the whole church we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

At each petition,
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words.
God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
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 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

Improvisation on "Let Us Build A House"
(Marvin Huls)

Offertory Response:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer (in unison)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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.

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,
 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,
 and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
 resurrection,
 with earth and sea and all their creatures,
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come, 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.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

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

Hymn **“Come, We That Love the Lord”** **#625**
(We're Marching to Zion)

1 Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain

**We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.**

**2 Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly king,
but children of the heav'nly king
may tell their joys abroad,
may tell their joys abroad. *Refrain***

**3 The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets. *Refrain***

**4 Then let our songs abound,
and ev'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high. *Refrain***

Dismissal

**Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.**

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BLESSED TO BLESS

SERVING TODAY: **8:15 AM** **10:45 AM**

ACOLYTE Nathaniel Boggs

LECTORS Sue Boggs Jean Miller

WORSHIP ASSISTANT Tawnya Combs

ALTAR GUILD for May includes Kim Woodley and Ann Copper.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this week Brandie, Suzy, Terry, Doug, Dennis, Barry, Marsha, Kris, Ray, Megan, Rachel, Kim, Alan, Jerry, Bill, Cathy, Mark, Donna, Mike, Frank, Eleanor, and the family of Shirlie Boone.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of William and Mary Shuster, Clinton and Charleen Hockensmith, William Jr., Donna, and Ronald by the Shuster family.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Jerry L. Moyer by his wife, Vicki L. Moyer.

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.**

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE last Sunday morning was 113.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are needed for May 31 and July 12. Contact the church office if you would like to provide altar flowers for either of these dates. Cost is \$50.00.

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 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.



To stock **FOOD FROM the HEART (FFTH)** cupboards we are asking for donations in **May** for canned fruits, canned vegetables, or apple sauce

**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.**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST:

Sunday – May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Noisy Offering for St. Vladimir / Ukraine

8:15 – Worship

9:30 – Continental Breakfast

9:30 – Sunday School

10:45 – Worship

Tuesday – May 5

6:00 - Executive

Wednesday – May 6

12:00 – Food From the Heart

6:30 - Fellowship

Sunday – May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Java Table will be open.

8:15 – Worship

9:30 – Continental Breakfast

9:30 – Sunday School

10:45 – Worship

*“God’s wrath is short;
God’s favor lasts a lifetime.”
Psalm 30:5*



Registration for Summer Camp 2026 has begun. Please visit www.lutherlyn.com for dates, prices, details, and registration.

First time campers get \$100 off with coupon code "FIRST".

Visit lutherlyn.com/first for details.

For additional information, contact the camp office at 724-865-2161 or registrar@lutherlyn.com.

First Lutheran offers Camperships to help defray the cost of camp. Register with Lutherlyn, then let the church office know to send the campership to Lutherlyn.

MAY NOISY OFFERING is for ST. VLADIMIR'S for UKRAINE

The Youth Group Project of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, Arnold, PA will benefit Emmanuel Youth Group of the Blessed Martyr Josaphat Kolsylovsky in Stryi, Ukraine.

The Ukrainian city, Stryi, population 59,000 is located in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains. This has become a destination for mostly women and children fleeing the war-torn areas of their country.

The Youth Group of St. Vladimir in Arnold is raising funds for the Blessed Martyr Youth Group in Stryi. The Youth in Ukraine will use the funds to give humanitarian aid to these refugees. The youth have helped with things like distribution of food, clothing, haircuts, a candle making class, and are planning a day camp for the refugee children this summer. The Blessed Martyr Youth are also helping to minister to people who have lost family members and children orphaned by the war.



Saturday Worship In the Park

Weather permitting

Worship in Park is back!

This summer we will once again have worship in the park. It will be on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in June, July, and August. These services will be at 6:00 pm.

This is casual worship in the park (or the Fellowship Hall if necessary). Please bring your favorite camp chair and dress for the outdoors. Hope to see you there!

Ring Pittsburgh Spring 2026
We Journey, Celebrate, and Remember
Sunday, May 31 at 2 PM
First Presbyterian Church
300 S. Main Street, Greensburg
CHARGE: free will offering

As we celebrate our country's 250th birthday, Ring Pittsburgh will take you on a musical journey across the nation and around the globe, bringing you toe-tapping tunes of celebration, patriotism, and nostalgia. We'll travel "On the Road Again" through "America, the Beautiful" and beyond.

As a special tribute, we will also commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Japan earthquake and tsunami, honoring the memory of the many lives lost and recognizing the resilience and courage of the survivors.

RECYCLING CHALLENGE

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH is participating in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge. With the new rules by NexTrex - In each quarter of the year we hope to collect at least 250 pounds of plastic. This plastic will be recycled into decking boards. For each 250 pounds collected, First Lutheran will get 1 entry to a random drawing by Trex to win a choice of a bench or 4 other prizes.

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, 456 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.

“Congratulations on collecting 250 pounds of plastic film (in the first quarter of 2026)! Trex is proud to recognize and celebrate the incredible effort you've all put in. Your dedication and collaboration not only help us secure a valuable raw material for our composite decking and railing products but also keeps this material out of your local landfill a win win for both sustainability and innovation.”

“Thank you again for your outstanding contributions. We're excited to see how far you'll go in the next phase of the program!”

Warm regards, Trex



HONOR MOTHERS

With a gift to Re-member

Once again for Mother's Day (May 10th) members of the Christian Outreach Team suggest a fitting way to honor and remember your/any mother.

Re-member is a non-profit organization serving the Lakota population living on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Re-member was established in 1998 to focus on ways to improve the lives on the reservation through various building and growing projects, as well as gathering and distributing goods to those in need. You can honor your mother(s) with a gift to Re-member in any amount. Your gift will help provide much needed supplies to this area, considered one of the poorest in our country.

A member of the Christian Outreach Team will be in the Education Building between worship services today for you to make your gifts. You may also make gifts during the week through the church office.

Write a check payable to First Lutheran Church (or you can give cash). Please write Mother's Day on the memo line and place it in an envelope and write Mother's Day on the outside of the envelope. Please include the following information:

Name(s) of mother(s) you are honoring/remembering:

Given by: _____