



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:  
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

### Welcome to Worship :: March 22, 2026

#### Today's Worship Ministers

*Usher:* Diane Carlson  
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*Narthex Host:* Linda McGuire

#### Staff

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*Musicians:* Janice Algren and Carolyn Kellert

#### Check Out Our Welcome Center

**Coffee Station:** We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

**Giving Station:** Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

**Vision and Purpose:** In March we are supporting ELCA World Hunger, a ministry of the ELCA connecting those in need with the resources needed to become less-food-insecure.

**Weekly Newsletters:** Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

#### In Our Prayers

Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Janet Lowe, Wes Lovdahl, Pat Clark, Jennie Best, Dee Dee Yez, Charlotte Volz, Richard Schlicher, Tim Greene

#### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

March 29—Palm Sunday

April 2—Maundy Thursday, 7 PM, Chapel

Apr 3—Good Friday, 7 PM, Chapel

April 5—Easter Morning, 9 AM breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

#### Order of Service

##### Gathering

Announcements,  
Mission Statement/Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
The Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 485, I Am the Bread of Life

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##### The Word/Prayer

Greeting

Kyrie, ELW Setting 3, page 138

“Glory to God”, ELW Setting 3, page 139

##### Prayer of the Day

**Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11

Gospel Acclamation, ELW Setting 3, page 142

John 11:1-45

Sermon

Hymn: ELW 379, Now the Green Blade Rises

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 678, God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, verse 1

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##### Communion

Dialogue: ELW Setting 3, page 144

Preface

“Holy, Holy, Holy”: ELW Setting 3, page 144

Communion Prayer

Lord's Prayer

“Lamb of God”, ELW Setting 3, page 146

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

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##### Sending

Benediction

Closing Hymn: ELW 634, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Dismissal

**Ezekiel 37:1-14****The Prophecy of Bones in the Dry Valley**

37 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” 4 Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

11 Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

**Romans 8:6-11****Set your mind on the Spirit**

6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**John 11:1-45**

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