



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**Welcome to Worship :: March 16th, 2025**

## Today's Worship Ministers

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## 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

**March's Vision and Purpose Giving** supports ELCA World Hunger.

**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

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Cecil Lovdahl, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Hannah Taylor, Suzanne Lovdahl, Wes Lovdahl, Christopher Greene, Chuck Michling, Grace Banks

## Book Study

Join us after worship for the next three weeks as we have a conversation on the book "Preaching in the Purple Zone". This book helps guides conversations over sensitive political subjects and teaches healthy approaches to hot topic discussion and preaching.

## Order of Service

### Gathering

Announcements, Prelude  
Confession and Forgiveness  
The Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 805, Lead On, O King Eternal

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### The Word

Pastoral Greeting

Kyrie: ELW Setting 3, page 138

"Glory to God" ELW Setting 3, page 139

### Prayer of the Day

**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 3, page 142

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW 782 My Shepherd You Supply My Need

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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### Holy Communion

Offering Prayer

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

Great Thanksgiving: ELW Setting 3, p144

"Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 3, p144

Lord's Prayer

"Lamb of God": ELW Setting 3, p146

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

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### Sending

Benediction

Closing Hymn: ELW 863, My God How Wonderful Thou Art  
Dismissal

## **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” 4 But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” 5 He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” 6 And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” 8 But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” 9 He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates,

## **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

## **Luke 13:31-35**

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” 32 He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”