

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

For just as through the  
disobedience of one man the  
many became sinners, so also  
through the obedience of one  
man the many will become  
righteous.

ROMANS 5:19



*First Sunday in Lent*

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

# Welcome



Worship Series: Exactly What I Need

February 22, 2026

“I didn't know I needed that” is a common expression of surprise and realization. It suggests that something, whether it's a piece of information, a lesson learned, or a newfound understanding, has come to light and is now recognized as being essential or valuable, even if it wasn't previously apparent.

Lent is the season of the Church Year when I recognize my greatest needs. During Lent, I realize that in Christ all my greatest needs are met. God knows what I need even when I don't have any idea. The Holy Spirit makes it clear, week after week, that if I lack Christ, I have nothing. But if I have Christ, I have exactly what I need.

## Today's Focus: A Champion

I recognize my inability to defend myself against spiritual enemies. The world is against me, but I look for ways to imitate it. I try to master my own sinful flesh, but I recognize desires in myself that war against my soul. And when it comes to the devil, I fall into temptation again and again. My impending death proves that I have sinned.

I realize that what I really need is a champion. God the Father realized it too. He sent his Son to be my Savior. Through the obedience of the Son of God, I have victory over my enemies.

### SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Derek Bartelt

**Organist:** Ben Warmuth | **Elder:** Jacob Pelas | **Altar Guild:** Connie Frey and Gail Michnay

## Opening Hymn

## 556 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall



1 All man-kind fell in Ad - am's fall; one com - mon  
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps and us in  
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, flow thoughts and  
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came to bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the  
dread - ful bond - age keeps; in guilt we draw our  
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the  
sin and woe and shame, to be our life, our



curse de - scends, and o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
in - fant breath and reap its fruits of woe and death.  
dark - ened soul nor seeks nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
light, our way, our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell  
and, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
so by one Man, who took our place,  
we all were justified by grace.

6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,  
new light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
until we reach our journey's end.

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Hymn

# 652 Lord, Have Mercy | V. 1,2

During this season of Lent, the Christian church traditionally omits its most glorious songs including the word of praise, "Alleluia". For our celebration of Lent, each Sunday we will replace our traditional "Lord, Have Mercy," with this hymn. Note how verse 2 of this hymn so strongly ties into Jesus' suffering for our sakes.

1 For what we have done and left un - done we fall on your  
(2 For) what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly  
count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and  
lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you  
those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly.  
fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you.  
For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for  
And there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you  
scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In  
bled for a world's be - tray - al. You  
thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how  
loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend; how  
deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. Refrain I  
pure and for - ev - er faith - ful. Refrain II

*Refrain I*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

Lord, have mer - cy on us. 2 For

*Refrain II*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

1 2 *Fine (last time)* 7  
 Lord, have mer - cy on us. on us. 3 For

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# The Word

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

## Prayer of the Day

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading

**Genesis 3:1–15**

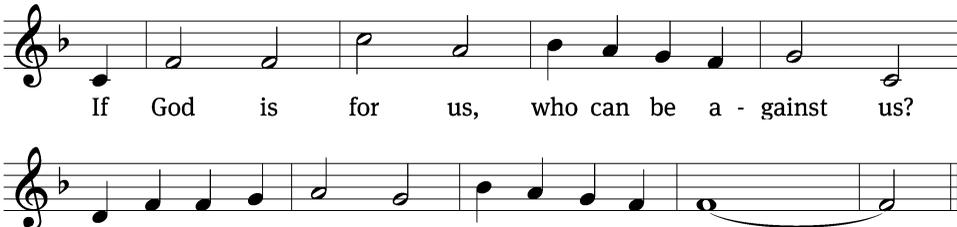
*God promised to send a champion to do what I could not, defeating my greatest enemy.*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day

# Psalm 46

## Refrain

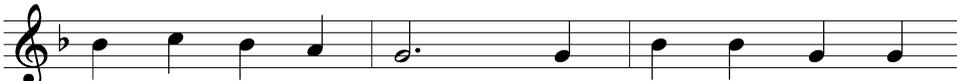


If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?  
God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.

## Verses



1 God is our ref - uge and our strength, an  
2 A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the  
3 Be - hold the won - drous deeds of God, who



ev - er pres - ent aid, and there - fore, though the  
cit - y of our God, the ho - ly dwell - ing  
caus - es wars to cease, the weap - ons of the



earth be moved, we will not be a - fraid; though  
of the LORD, the place of God's a - bode. Since  
strong de - stroyed, God brings a - bid - ing peace. "Be



hills in - to the seas be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar,  
God is in the midst of it, our safe - ty is se - cure;  
still and know that I am God, ex - alt - ed ev - er - more;"



the LORD of hosts is by our side, a  
the LORD of hosts is by our side, a  
the LORD of hosts is by our side, a



ref - uge strong and sure. *Refrain*  
 ref - uge strong and sure. *Refrain*  
 ref - uge strong and sure. *Refrain*

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## Second Reading

## Romans 5:12–19

*Adam's defeat meant death for me. Christ's victory means life for me.*

The Word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

## Hebrews 4:15

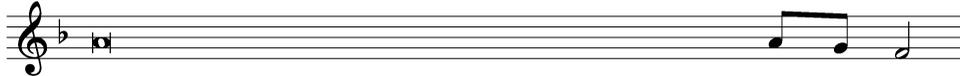


*Refrain*



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

*Tone*



We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weak - ness - es;



*Refrain*

we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

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# Gospel

# Matthew 4:1-11

*The champion of demons and the champion of mankind do battle. Jesus wins.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Hymn of the Day

## 863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield  
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one  
de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;  
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;  
the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;  
he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.  
he holds the field for - ev - er.  
one lit - tle word can fell him.  
the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## Sermon

## **Nicene Creed**

**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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

## **Installation of Pastor Kenneth Frey**

# The Sacrament

## Preface

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

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The image shows a musical score for three lines of text. Each line is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first line contains the lyrics 'na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The second line contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -'. The third line contains 'na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are rests and slurs used throughout the piece.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
 By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
 By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
 By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff is a short melodic phrase. The second staff contains the lyrics "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the" with notes and rests corresponding to the words. The third staff continues the lyrics "sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." with notes and rests. The music is simple and appears to be a hymn tune.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

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## Distribution Hymn 565 In Adam We Have All Been One

1 In Ad - am we have all been one, one  
 2 We fled our God, and, los - ing him, we  
 3 But your strong love, it sought us still and  
 4 O Sav - ior, when we loved you not, you

huge re - bel - lious man; we all have fled that  
 lost our broth - er too; each sin - gly sought and  
 sent your on - ly Son that we might hear his  
 loved and saved us all; O great Good Shep - herd



eve - ning voice that sought us as we ran.  
 claimed his own, each man his broth - er slew.  
 shep - herd - voice and, hear - ing him, be one.  
 of man - kind, now hear us when we call.

5 Send us your Spirit, teach us truth  
 to purge our vanity;  
 from fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,  
 O Savior, set us free.

6 Then shall our song united rise  
 to your eternal throne,  
 where with the Father evermore  
 and Spirit you are one.

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## Distribution Hymn

## 823 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In thine arms I rest me; foes who would op - press me  
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,  
 5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long in an - guish  
 can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
 fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!  
 Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



shall my spir - it lan - guish, yearn - ing, Lord, for thee?  
ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
nor thy threats a - larm me while I sing of peace.  
Naught to me thy sto - ry told with tempt - ing voice.  
though the storms may gath - er, still have peace with - in.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash; yet, though sin and  
God's great pow'r guards ev - 'ry hour; earth and all its  
Pain or loss or shame or cross shall not from my  
Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, thou art still my



naught to hide thee; naught I ask be - side thee.  
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
depths a - dore him, si - lent bow be - fore him.  
Sav - ior move me since he deigns to love me.  
pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677, abr.; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 3): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941  
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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.  
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our  
love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## 842 Jesus, Still Lead On | V. 1, 3



1 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won; and al - though the  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less.  
come al - lur - ing, make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.



Guide us by your hand to our fa - ther - land.  
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

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## Join us for Worship

### Sundays

Worship | 9:00am

### 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month

Worship with Lord's Supper | 6:30pm

### Midweek Lenten

*(Wednesdays)*

Meal | 5:30pm

Worship | 6:30pm

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## Our Mission

As a family of believers, the mission of First Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by growing in the faith of our Savior Jesus Christ and by sharing the good news of His Word with others.

## Our Invitation

It is a privilege for us to share with you the assurance Jesus offers about how imperfect people like us can enjoy a right relationship with our holy Creator.

Our church services are designed to be Christ-centered worship and include three main elements: God speaks to us in His Word, we respond with praises and prayers, and we encourage each other.

We are eager to have you learn more about the Triune God and about our church. If you are looking for a spiritual family in which you can be at home, please speak with our pastor.