



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

TRIDUUM: THE THREE DAYS

▪ **Maundy Thursday** March 24

One service only with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.
Fifth graders receive communion for the first time.

On this Maundy Thursday, we hear God's love story – written for you and me, his beloved children. Today we learn a new commandment: that we must love one another. How do we share God's humble servant-like love of us with others?

Sermon: *God's Treasured Children*

▪ **Good Friday** March 25

ONE service - 7 p.m.

The Adult Choir will lead us in a solemn contemplation of the events of Good Friday. As each candle is extinguished, music and scripture help us meditate on the deep meaning of Christ's death. The cross is veiled at the close of the evening service. The savior of the world is dead.

▪ **The Vigil of Easter** (a family-friendly service) Saturday, March 26

One service at 9 p.m. with Holy Communion (lasts about 1-1/2 hours)

The Easter Vigil reminds us that God does some of His best work in the dark.

Sermon: *While It's Still Dark*

▪ **Easter Sunday Festival Worship with Holy Communion** March 27

Two services – 8:30 & 11 a.m.

The women go early on Easter Morning and discover an empty tomb. They were perplexed, but the emptiness of the tomb declares that Christ is Risen. And the treasure of new life – eternal life – belongs to all who believe in him.

Sermon: *Easter Treasure*

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 20, 2016



Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
March 20, 2016
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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In today's readings, we hear a vast spectrum of different attitudes towards Jesus. First Jesus enters in a grand procession – and soon Jesus becomes ridiculed and mocked. What once was treasured soon becomes trash. How do we approach Jesus today – as trash or treasure?

There will be no prelude this morning. Our worship today begins in the new narthex area with a procession that will take us outdoors. If you are unable, or prefer not to join the outdoor procession, **please come to the new narthex for announcements and the opening liturgy** and, when the outdoor procession begins, feel free to go directly into the sanctuary. Please leave the ends of the pew open for those who will be coming from outdoors with the procession.

Announcements

*Processional with Palms

(We gather in the narthex and our Sunday School children will lead the procession.)

*Acclamation (branches raised)

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

*Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

*Prayer

*Processional Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Procession begins. When it reaches the doors to the sanctuary ...

This Week at First Lutheran:

Today:	8:30 & 11 a.m. 9:30-11 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship/Palm Sunday/Processional by Congregation Palm Sunday Brunch served by Youth Holy Week Treasure Hunt No Adult Bible study 5th Grade First Communion Class
Monday:	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WELCA Love Days Al-Anon Boy Scouts
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday:	7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:45 p.m.	XY Men's Bible Study at Café 116 Al-Anon Sarah's Circle at Pioneer Pointe AA Caregivers Support Group Hannah's Circle in Kairos Room 5th Graders & Parents bake bread during class in Fellowship Hall
		NO FLY GROUPS NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR NO CONFIRMATION NO SENIOR FLY 6:00 p.m. Hosanna Handbells 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
Thursday:	8:45 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Watch KBRF AM 1250– Pr. Saul BBC @ Taco John's Maundy Thursday Service (5th graders First Communion)
Friday:	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 9:00 p.m.	Task Force Decorating Practice for Bible bearers & Acolytes for Easter Sunday Easter Vigil/Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion/Easter
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**CONFIRMATION
WILL RESUME
WED., MARCH 30th**

Fellowship and Refreshments will be served in the narthex following worship. Serving today are the families of Kaleb Freitag and Owen Babolian.

Known Hospitalized: Tim Overland, Agnes Jorgenson, Bernice Roysland, and John Soby at Lake Region Hospital.

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast are given in celebration of Jonathan & Brenda Piekarski's 40th wedding anniversary today.

Rose on the Altar is in celebration of the baptism of Colter Tobias Johnson, son of Toby & Kylene Johnson. Sponsors are ... Guardian Angel is Matthew Pajari.

Large Print Bulletins are available. If you would like a copy, please ask an usher.

Spring Flowering Plants are needed to decorate the church on Easter. If you would like to furnish a plant, please send a check for \$20 to the church office (or put in a pew envelope marked "Easter Plant" and place in the offering plate). Those purchasing a plant may take it home following the 11 o'clock service on Easter Sunday.

First Lutheran's TASTE OF SPRING ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE Thursday, April 21st 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Start checking out your favorite salad and bar recipes that you plan to donate for the Luncheon and/or bake goods for the sale. Sign-up sheets for salad, bars and volunteers to help that day will be available in the Narthex on April 3, 10 & 17. Please sign-up early! Plan to attend and taste all these wonderful salads & bars, and pick up your homemade bakery items. THANK YOU!

Sunday School Treasure Hunt -Today during Sunday School (9:45-10:45) we have a special day planned. the Sunday School students will be participating in a holy week treasure hunt. We are looking for many adults in the congregation to come along with the students on the hunt - or be one of the 'actors' in the stations the students visit. Come and be a part of the fun and the learning of Holy Week!

Catherine "Kitty" Heyen is turning Ninety on March 24th, 2016. Join the celebration by sending a birthday card to: Catherine Heyen 1006 s. Sheridan #20 Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Arlene Grage is celebrating her 90th birthday on March 25th, 2016. Birthday cards may be sent to: Arlene Grage 1403 Nicole Court, Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

You are invited to The Federated Church's Spring Fling Luncheon and Bake Sale on Thursday, April 7th from 11AM-1PM. Cost is \$6 for lunch, and all proceeds will go to The Federated Church's local mission fund, which provides assistance with food, utilities and rent to our neighbors in the Fergus Falls area. The Federated Church is located at 224 N. Union Ave, Fergus Falls, MN.

All who would like to join the choir and bell choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus for Easter may join the groups that morning during the service. Music will be provided.



Choir practice will be at 7PM on Wednesday, March 23rd to rehearse with the bell choir in the Sanctuary.

2016 Fergus Falls Habitat for Humanity- Join us on Thursday, April 14th at the National Guard Armory (421 E Cecil, Fergus Falls) to celebrate 25 years! See their flyer on the kiosk for more details.

***Acclamation** (branches raised)

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

***Processional Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344 (vs. 1-4)

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

1. You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2. The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

Refrain

3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

Refrain

4. To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866
Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635 Public Domain

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Special Music by

Sunday School Students

Children's Event

Pastor Jennifer

Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344 (vs. 5)

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King.

Refrain

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Sermon

Jesus: Trash or Treasure?

Pastor Jennifer

Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

ELW Page 227

*** Apostles' Creed (8:30)**

Inside back cover of the ELW Hymnal

*** The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*** Offering**

*** Offertory**

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.

*** The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy,

OR

P ...Let us pray to the Lord,

C hear our prayer.

C Lord, have mercy.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

C 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

The Passion History

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The Trial of Our Lord

Luke 23:1-5, 13-25, 32

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338 (v.2)

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
The wonder of his glorious love and unworthiness.

The Crucifixion of Our Lord

Luke 23:33-43

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338 (v.3)

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

Text: African American spiritual Public Domain

The Death of Our Lord

Luke 23:44-49

Silence for Meditation

Benediction

Closing of the Chest, placing of the pall.

Leave in Silence

Because our service this morning ends on a somber note with the reading of the Passion History, we leave the sanctuary in silence. The pastors will not be standing to greet on the exit ramp. But we'll be available outside the office if you need to talk to us.

OFFERING UPDATE			
	Budgeted	Actual(3-1 to 3-14)	Difference
March as of 3-14-2016	\$ 39,939.00	\$ 26,968.92	-\$12,970.08
Year to date	\$119,793.00	\$ 85,138.31	-\$34,654.69

Senior Pastor:

Saul Stensvaag

Associate Pastor:

Jennifer Rose

Visitation Pastor:

Stan Satre

Sunday School Superintendent:

Cindy Larson

Council President:

Elizabeth Abrahams

Organist:

Keith Melberg

PA Operator:

8:30 – Paul Dimke 11 – Brian Becker

Lectors:

8:30 – Chad Felstul 11- Harriet Wicklund

Acolytes:

8:30- Lilly Stumbo 11- Alison Koch