



## First Lutheran Church

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Pr. Maribeth McGoven

### **“Tell Me Something Good:**

### **Grounding ourselves in the Good News this Lent”**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent:*

*“The Good News Is...protection and care for the vulnerable”*

March 15, 2026

#### **GATHERING**

INTRODUCTION TO THE LENTEN SERIES *The theme of our 2026 Lent series is, “Tell Me Something Good: Grounding ourselves in the Good News this Lent.” Throughout this season, we will return to what was central to Jesus’ life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, feeding the hungry, and nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus’ teachings, we find liberation, mercy, love, and grace – Good News meant for all. This series invites us to reconnect with the roots of our faith and consider how we might live as “good news” people in a world that often feels weighed down by bad news. This Lent, may we be grounded more deeply in God’s goodness and be inspired to live out Jesus’ teachings with courage and compassion.*

PRELUDE

Resurrection Band

BELLS

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG

*Trust in Jesus*

*WB #142*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

screen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

screen

## WORD

FIRST READING		<i>Deuteronomy 24:17-22</i>
HYMN	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	
CHILDREN'S TIME		
HYMN	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	
GOSPEL READING		<i>Matthew 19:13-15</i>
SERMON		Pr. Mark Olson
SONG OF THE DAY	<i>At the Cross</i>	<i>WB #9</i>
<i>AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR THE SEASON OF LENT</i>		screen
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION		screen

## MEAL

OFFERING	Youth Emergency Shelter and Services	
GREAT THANKSGIVING		screen
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
LORD'S PRAYER		screen
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION		
COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>Come to the Table</i>	<i>WB #146</i>
	<i>Jesus</i>	<i>WB #103</i>
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER		screen

## SENDING

BLESSING FOR LENT		screen
BELLS		
SENDING SONG	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	<i>WB #49</i>
DISMISSAL		

P: Go, live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE Christie Semmler

## THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	<a href="#">Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20</a>
Tue	<a href="#">Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14</a>
Wed	<a href="#">Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34</a>
Thu	<a href="#">Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11</a>
Fri	<a href="#">Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19</a>
Sat	<a href="#">Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53</a>
Sun	<a href="#">Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45</a>

## SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
<b>Greeters</b>	Greyson & Melinda Goehring	Jess Lecy
<b>Ushers</b>	Kirk & Melissa Stover	Kirk & Melissa Stover
<b>Reader</b>	Danny Lecy	Bernie Beck
<b>Communion</b>	Cindy Lecy & Brady Weckwerth	

*Prayer Concerns: Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Venezuela, The YESS Program; The family & friends of Sara Tibbets, The family of Dawn Miller; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Jerry Leverson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Jimmie & Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's brother & sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), David VanEye, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Johanna, Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Sue Fiene (Linda Anderson's sister) Jane Andress (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Daryl Hendrickson (friend of Peg Davies), Charlie Keith (great grandson of Jim & Linda Kolar), Richard VandenEykel (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Coralyn Lempola (friend of Peg Davies), TK Flynn (friend of Greyson Goehring), Cherie (niece of Carol Jones)*

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Opportunities This Week

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<b>Today</b>	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
	Knitting & Crocheting with Gina	
<b>Sun</b>	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM

**COMING UP:**

**Palm Sunday – March 29**

*Gather in Narthex for the Procession of Palms – 10:00 am*

**Good Friday – April 3**

*Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) – 7:00 pm*

**Easter Sunday – April 5**

*Easter Breakfast and Easter Activities for the Kids – 9:00 am*

*Easter Sunday Celebration Service – 10:00 am*

*Easter Egg Hunt!!! – 11:15 am*

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**Youth Emergency Shelter and Services**

At YESS, we are dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment for youth experiencing homelessness or in crisis who need shelter. Our team is committed to helping young people in northern Minnesota communities get back on their feet by offering emergency shelter, counseling, and other necessary support. We believe every young person deserves a chance to thrive and are here to help ensure that happens. With the help of donations, we provide emergency residential care, temporary housing, counseling, and preventative services to help kids transition into a more stable living situation. We are a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization established in 2023 to assist children and families in northern Minnesota.

**We will be collecting the following items during the month:**

**Crafting items, including beads and string, paint.**

**Pop (cans), Root Beer or Orange**

**Hygiene items, shampoo/conditioner, lotions, chapstick**

**(Full size hygiene items)**

**Walmart Gift Cards \$10-\$20.**

If you wish to donate monetarily, please make your check to FLC with YESS on the memo line.