

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Fam/Friends of Carol Bucher (Linda Westby's sis; died 3/15 in IL); DonnaMae Weis (Fgo hosp.), Annitha Plecity (knee surgery), Marleen Pytlik (heart issues), Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Don Clark (Kathy Brobst-Clark's husband), Nicole Wieser; Military men/women; Peace

"Trinity Family" to pray for this week: Kevin & Elsa Kamphuis, Royce & Kaneia Kinney (Tessa, Deanna), Tony & Karen Kobbervig

This Week @ TLC:

Today, March 22nd: **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

No Sunday School



10 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Coffee fellowship (*Thanks for hosting, WELCA!*)

Endowment meeting

9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. French Toast Brunch fundraiser @ Faith
(to go containers available; proceeds to go to Faith Luth. General fund)

2 p.m. Chapel @ Legacy Place

3 p.m. Chapel @ St. Raphael

Monday, March 23rd: *Pr. Diane's Sabbath*

Tuesday, March 24th: **10:30 a.m.** Bible study @ TLC

Wednesday, March 25th: **9 a.m.** Quilters

3:15-5 p.m. Kids Club @ Faith Lutheran (gr. 4-6)

3:15-4:30 p.m. First Communion class

5:15p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper

6:30 p.m. Lent Service (Pr. Nicholas; "Longing for Wholeness")

Sat., March 28th: **10 a.m.** Jmstn Conference meeting @ Atonement
Lutheran Church, Jmstn.

Next Sunday, March 29th: **Palm Sunday**

9 a.m. Sunday School



10 a.m. Worship/Procession of Palms (*Sunday School Youth*)/

\$5 on the 5th for Central African Republic (*see box below*)

11 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (*Linda Westby hosting*)

\$5 on the 5th for C.A.R.

On the 5th Sunday of this month, you are invited to bring \$5 (or more, or less) to give as a special offering for our Central African Republic (C.A.R.) companion global ministries. These funds help provide education, build schools, put roofs on churches, provide medical services, and so much more in an area (the size of TX), that is one of the poorest countries in the world. Many of its people live daily lives of struggle & bare subsistence. Let us help support our Christian brothers & sisters in the C.A.R. with our gifts.



GATHERING TO WORSHIP

March 22, 2026 - 10 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

If you were to keep watch over sins,
O Lord,
who could stand?

Yet with You is
forgiveness,
in order that You may
be feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

March 22, 2026— Fifth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Welcome to you who are visitors among us; please sign our guest book, take a “Welcome” bag home, and do come worship with us again. *To those of you looking for a church home, we invite you to join this community of faith, as we seek to grow and serve in God’s grace and love.*

***: Please stand, in body or spirit.**

Large print bulletins are available at the back table.

“Busy Bags” for small children’s use during Worship on back hand rail.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Confession & Forgiveness**

L: Gracious God,

C: We confess that we easily seek worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you. We desire self-reliance instead of hungering for your word. We fail to recognize your coming reign and hinder the work of the Spirit. We draw from the well of self-serving ambition and disdain the living water Christ offers. We disregard voices from the margin and distrust signs of your healing and hope in the world. We dwell in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and we disregard Christ’s call to come forth to life. Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Amen.

L: God’s steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound... and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** “Restore in Us, O God” #328 ELW

***Apostolic Greeting (C: And also with you.)** p. 203 ELW

***Kyrie**

***Canticle of Praise:** “Glory Be To God” p. 204 ELW

***Prayer of the Day:**

Merciful God, guilt makes us fearful of the harm we have done, and shame threatens to separate us from love. Turn us with humble understanding to the ones we have harmed and give us the wholeness of honest hearts. Free us with forgiveness and grant us the faith to trust we are forgiven. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn of the Month: “Bring Peace to Earth Again” #700 ELW

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

***Gospel Acclamation:** “We are turning...” p. 205 ELW

***Gospel Reading:** John 11:40-44

***Responses: “Glory to you, O LORD”/“Praise to you, O Christ.”**

Sermon: “Bound by Guilt” (Genesis 50:15-21)

Hymn of the Day: “God, When Human Bonds are Broken” #603 ELW

***Apostles’ Creed** p. 105 ELW

Prayer Song: “Come, Bring Your Burden to God” Text by Barbara Clark

Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;

Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no. (Sing 2x)

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Prayers of Intercession: (P: Hear us, O God; C: Your mercy is great.)

THANKSGIVING

Our Tithes/Offerings to God

***Offertory Hymn:** “Create in Me a Clean Heart” #188 ELW

***Offertory Prayer**

***Lord’s Prayer**

SENDING

***Blessing (C: Amen!)**

***Sending Hymn:** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #773 ELW

***P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Our “Thanks!” to those who serve today:

Pastor: Rev. Diane Krumm

Accompanist: Amy Anderson

Greeter: Glen Torgerson

Ushers: Bentley Wieser fam

Scripture Reader: Tracey Zaun

Acolyte: Carter O’Brien

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