

Good Friday, April 10

We gather at the life-giving cross to celebrate Christ's passion.

Service at 6:30 p.m.

We hear the Passion narrative again, this time from the Gospel of John. As we hear the story of Jesus' suffering and death, we extinguish candles in Tenebrae worship.

Easter Vigil, April 11

Worship with Holy Communion

Service at 6:30 p.m.

We gather for the first celebration of Easter. Faithtime Kids (*grades K-1 and 4-6*) will lead the congregation in story and song. We celebrate both sacraments, Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, as our "Alleluia" resounds.

Easter Sunday, April 12

Worship with Holy Communion

Services 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

We gather in the presence of the resurrected Jesus.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! We eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ.

8:15 a.m. — Traditional Worship

Glory Ringers will provide special music.

10:30 a.m. — Contemporary Worship

Faith Reborn will lead worship.

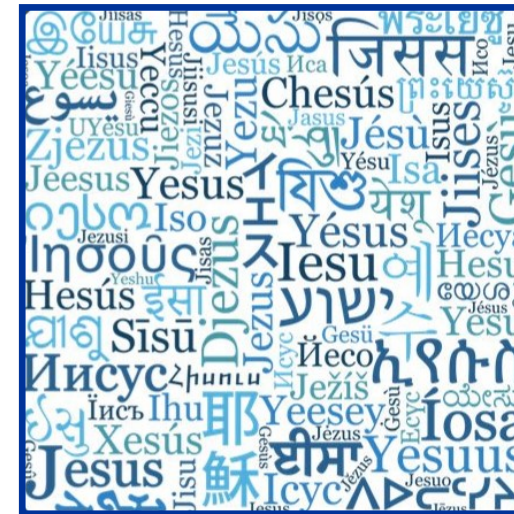
A lite continental Easter breakfast will be served from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children at 9:45 a.m.

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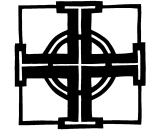
At the Name of Jesus



**LENTEN JOURNEY
& HOLY WEEK 2020**
First Lutheran Church
Geneseo, Illinois

Sharing Christ's Love

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT FIRST



Palm Sunday, April 4 & 5

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

We hear the Passion narrative according to Matthew. The Sanctuary Choir sings at 8:15 a.m. Joyful Spirit will lead worship at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 9

**Worship with Holy Communion
and Footwashing**

Services at Noon & 6:30 p.m.

**We gather with Jesus to hear his New
Commandment to us: Love one another.**

*This year we will experience footwashing
at both services, following Jesus' example.*

At noon we gather for a service of word and sacrament, with a meal following.

At 5 p.m. the First Communion families will gather for a meal. The Maundy Thursday Worship service begins at 6:30 p.m., where the children will receive their First Communion. Faithtime Kids (*grades 2nd & 3rd*) will provide special music.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). This is part of the “Christ hymn” in Paul’s letter to the Philippians, which is our Second Reading for Palm/Passion Sunday. All of our weekend lectionary readings this Lent point to this vision of Jesus’ followers being remade in his image. We will spend our worship time on Wednesdays in Lent unpacking these verses from Philippians, which help us understand more fully the juxtaposition of our Palm/Passion Sunday worship, which begins with shouts of “Hosanna!” and moves to cries of “Crucify!” From there, we take Holy Week to slow down and experience the Passion narrative again, through footwashing and the story of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, Tenebrae worship (a service of increasing darkness) on Good Friday, and the first Eucharist of Easter and celebration of Holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil. On Easter morning, we proclaim “Alleluia!” with the first apostles as we discover the tomb empty, our Lord risen, and new life abounding.

A Season of Hope ... During the 2020 Lenten Season, our congregation will walk with people around the world afflicted by war, displacement and poverty by collecting and assembling LWR Personal Care Kits and the kits will be sent to distributing centers and provided to those in need. Each kit includes a towel, 2-3 bars of soap, a sturdy comb, nail clipper and a toothbrush. Please bring any of these items to worship with you and place in the basket outside the church office.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES AT FIRST

Ash Wednesday, February 26

Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Services at Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17;

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 &

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Soup & Salad Lunch—12:45 p.m.

Vegetable Beef/Spinach Soup

Faithtime Dinner—5:00-6:15 p.m.

Chicken Wild Rice/Chili

Potato Bar

Wednesday, March 4

Midweek 1

“Christ emptied and humbled himself”

Half-hour service at Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Isaiah 53:4-9 & Philippians 2:5-11

Soup & Salad Lunch—12:30 p.m.

Seafood Bisque/Taco Soup

Faithtime Dinner—5:00-6:15 p.m.

Potato Chowder/Vegetable Beef

Sandwich Bar

A Special Music Opportunity

Friday, March 6

Augustana College

Jenny Lind Choir Tour 2020

7 p.m. at the Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 11

Midweek 2

“Christ became obedient”

Half-hour service at Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Genesis 12:1-9 & Philippians 2:5-11

Soup & Salad Lunch—12:30 p.m.

Tomato Tortellini/Chicken Wild Rice

Faithtime Dinner—5:00-6:15 p.m.

Asian Chicken Noodle/Potato Soup

Salad Bar

Wednesday, March 18

Midweek 3

“At the name of Jesus all knees shall bow”

Half-hour service at Noon & 6:30 p.m.

1 Kings 18:30-40 & Philippians 2:5-11

Soup & Salad Lunch—12:30 p.m.

Lasagna Soup/Vegetable

Faithtime Dinner—5:00-6:15 p.m.

Beef Vegetable/Chili

Potato Bar

Wednesday, March 25

Midweek 4

“Every tongue confesses Jesus”

Half-hour service at Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Genesis 28:10-15 & Philippians 2:5-11

Soup & Salad Lunch—12:30 p.m.

Chicken Noodle/Chili

Faithtime Dinner—5:00-6:15 p.m.

Chicken Gnocchi/Minestrone

Sandwich Bar

Wednesday, April 1

Midweek 5

“Let the same mind be in you”

Half-hour service at Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 & Philippians 2:5-11

Soup & Salad Lunch—12:30 p.m.

Chili/Potato Soup

Faithtime Dinner—5:00-6:15 p.m.

Hamburger Vegetable/Turkey Noodle

Salad Bar