

Good Friday, April 2

Stations of the Cross
Video Premiere at 6:30 p.m.

**The story culminates with
Jesus on the cross.**

The church will be open from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
for those who wish to come and experience
the "Stations of the Cross."

Easter Vigil, April 3

Worship with Holy Communion
Service at 6:30 p.m.

**We get a foretaste of the surprise that
awaits us at the end of the story.**

We gather outside around the fire to give
thanks for light and then bring our worship
inside. Special music includes classical guitar
and we will premiere a special pre-recorded
Children's Program.

Easter Sunday, April 4

Worship with Holy Communion
Services 6:00, 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**We get to the end of the story and find
an empty tomb...and a new beginning.**

6:00 a.m. — Sunrise Worship

We gather outside to celebrate Jesus'
resurrection, and then enjoy
Cinnamon Rolls to go!

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. — Worship

Pre-recorded Brass, Organ, and
Glory Ringers

9:30 a.m. — Easter Egg Hunt

Families with children ages 2-10 are invited
to gather eggs on Easter morning!

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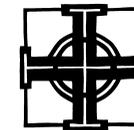
A Story to Tell



**LENTEN JOURNEY
& HOLY WEEK 2021**
First Lutheran Church
Geneseo, Illinois

Sharing Christ's Love

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT FIRST



Palm Sunday, March 27 & 28

Worship with Holy Communion
Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

**The story intensifies as Jesus enters
Jerusalem triumphantly.**

We hear the Passion narrative according
to Mark. Special music will be provided
at all services.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Worship with Holy Communion
Services at Noon & 6:30 p.m.

**The story moves into the intimate space
of the Upper Room, as Jesus shares
a meal with his closest friends.**

Several children of the congregation
will receive their First Communion
on this special day. Special music will
be performed by the Glory Ringers.

“The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES AT FIRST

So begins the Gospel of Mark, and by the time we get to the end of the Gospel, we realize that this story is, indeed, just the beginning. This year during the Lenten season, as we continue to live this pandemic story, we will once again engage the Gospel of Mark to see how God’s Story meets our story.

Our congregation is invited to use a brand new devotional resource, A Story to Tell, for daily at-home devotions through the season. We will also use this as the basis for our Wednesday worship opportunities. The devotional books are available to pick up at the church when the office is open, and they will also be available on Ash Wednesday.

A Story to Tell focuses on texts from the Gospel of Mark that show Jesus’ journey from baptism to the cross. The gospel writer has a story to tell, moving quickly from one scene to the next. The urgent tone of the story grabs us and pulls us in, but all the action comes to a halt when those who see the empty tomb tell no one about this. Is this the end of the story?

Ash Wednesday, February 17
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
Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes
available in the south parking lot, 5-6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24
Midweek 1
“Jesus Heals Me”
Half-hour service at Noon & 6:30 p.m.
Mark 2:1-12

Wednesday, March 3
Midweek 2
“Jesus Meets My Needs”
Half-hour service at Noon & 6:30 p.m.
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, March 10
Midweek 3
“Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me”
Half-hour service at Noon & 6:30 p.m.
Mark 8:27-36

Wednesday, March 17
Midweek 4
“God’s Kingdom Is Worth It”
Half-hour service at Noon & 6:30 p.m.
Mark 10:17-31

Wednesday, March 24
Midweek 5
“God’s Love Transforms Us”
Half-hour service at Noon & 6:30 p.m.
Mark 14:3-9

Worship Livestream on Facebook will continue to be available on Sundays at 8:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., with recordings posted on YouTube following worship.

Stations of the Cross Exhibit

You are invited to come and experience the Stations of the Cross. Each station will feature an original piece of art created by a member or friend of First Lutheran. The exhibit begins in the Fellowship Room, where you will pick up a devotional guide, and ends in the Sanctuary, where you will be invited to stay and pray. The exhibit will be open during Holy Week, March 29—April 2, during office hours on Monday through Thursday and on Good Friday, 5-8 p.m.

Children’s Interactive Stations of the Cross

Families with young children are invited to participate in Interactive Stations of the Cross. The stations will be located in the classrooms on the second floor. A map of the stations will be available in the Fellowship Room when you arrive. Directions for how to complete the stations will be in the rooms. These stations are meant to be done as a family and children should be accompanied by an adult. The children’s interactive stations will be open during Holy Week, March 29—April 2, during office hours on Monday through Thursday and on Good Friday, 5-8 p.m.