



## SHARING THE LIGHT

*The mission of First Lutheran Church is to grow together in Christ through Prayer, Worship, and Education and to spread the love of Christ to our community.*

**March 2023 Publication of FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### Lent – 40 days of journey to Resurrection

The time of year when we consider the spiritual discipline of giving something up for Lent, to experience the personal sacrifice in the journey to Easter Sunday.

For my personal journey, I will be fighting my scoffing at the political upheaval of the world.

The Bible challenges me to rejoice in the Lord always. Yet in my flesh, I pray for the world and scoff at it at the same time.

The challenge is to see the world from God's perspective as revealed in the Bible.

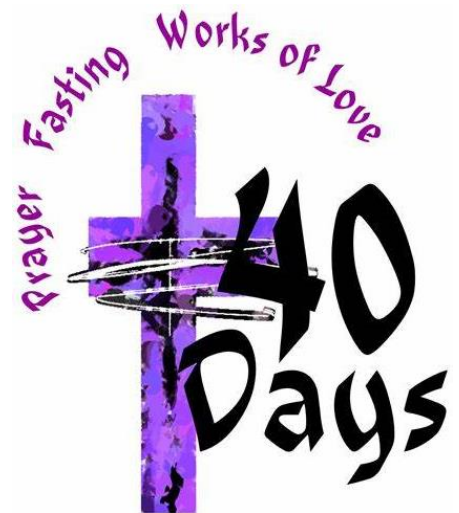
### Psalm 2:1–4 (English Standard Version ESV)

- 2<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,  
3 “Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”  
4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.**

God is in control and people/nations are out of control. I pray that my trust in God will curb my scoffing at the leaders' horrible decisions.

May God bless you in the practices of the personal sacrifice of Lent.

Love,  
Pastor Scott





# March 2023

**Ushers** Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	March 5	Hazel Benscoter
	March 12	Pat Caballero
	March 19	Connie Kean
	March 26	Norma Boehne



<b><u>Readers:</u></b>	March 5 & March 19	Richard Swanson
	March 12 & March 26	Christine Getz

**Gatherings:**

Soup and Sandwich, March 1, Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Room

Mission Development Team Meeting, March 2, Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Load the Van to Friends in Deed, March 3, Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteers at Friends in Deed, March 4, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting, March 19, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Mission Development Easter Egg Hunt, April 1, Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

<u>Sunday Worship Times,</u>	March 5, 8:30 a.m.
	March 12, 8:30 a.m.
	March 19, 8:30 a.m.
	March 26, 8:30 a.m.

<u>Sunday School Times,</u>	Every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
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**Not receiving email special announcements and/or prayer requests??**

**Electronic Newsletter:** If you are currently not receiving emails and would like to be included, please share your email address with Church Administrator (Elizabeth Yu) at [admin@firstlutherantc.org](mailto:admin@firstlutherantc.org), or call:(626) 287-0968 and leave a message if you preferred a hard copy to be mail to you.

<b><u>Pastoral Care:</u></b>	Pastor Scott Ganas at:	(951) 795-8162 or
	Board of Directors Chairman, Judy Gunther at:	(626) 833-5613.

## Friends in Deed



Our shoppers continue to shop for bargains even in this time of higher prices so that economically challenged families can receive food. The Friends in Deed Food Pantry, located in Pasadena CA, has been helping people for 129 years. Their motto of “Doing Together What We Cannot Do Alone” involves many facets of working with churches, business, groups, and individuals all dedicated to helping people in need. You can help by providing shelf-stable food items such as canned soups, dried milk,

cereals, and any other food items. You can, also, provide a cash donation which will be used to purchase food items. If you have any questions, contact Jo Tschopp for further information at: [jtschopp@firstlutherantc.org](mailto:jtschopp@firstlutherantc.org) or at: (626) 256-8333.



## Mission Development Team

This team of workers celebrated Mardi Gras on February 18. Guests were treated to a traditional meal, enjoyed making masks and learning about the Christian traditions of Mardi Gras and Lent.



Plan now to attend the First Wednesday Soup and Sandwich event on March 1, 2023 at 12:00 noon. Not only will food be served, but we shall also be learning about the hospice care and answering questions. The title of the presentation is: “What You Need to Know about Hospice Care for You Need It.” The presenter has worked as a Social Worker in the hospice care industry for many years. Come to be informed and to have your questions answered.

## Little Free Library



Recently, the Little Free Library received some wonderful children’s books from a neighborhood friend who would visit yard sales. Currently, the Little Library is full! However, we are still collecting books so that they can be rotated to provide a variety to the readers. Excess books are stored and put out again into the library. Sometimes after a book has not been taken when put out several times, it is donated to the Goodwill store. It has its own stores that specialize in books. There is a Goodwill Bookstore in Arcadia, and another in Pasadena.

## Community Prayer Box

Recently, we received a prayer from a former student – Jennifer, who was visiting the area. She left the request in the Community Prayer Box, asking for a prayer. Please pray for the Vasquez family as they are grieving the loss of Jennifer’s brother. Pray that the Vasquez family would be comforted with God’s peace, that they would be strengthened in faith, and that they know God loves and cares for them.



## Missionary News

Anna Rosteck, who is the niece of Patricia Grabowski and Connie Kean, is experiencing several cancerous issues. Please keep her in your prayers. In addition, you may send Get Well greeting cards to her at:

**709 42<sup>nd</sup> A Street North, Great Falls MT (Montana) 59405.**



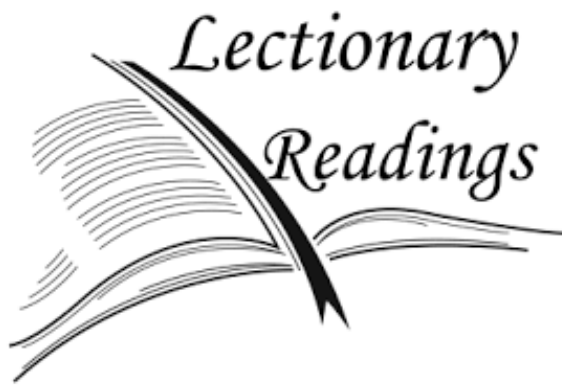
## Sunday Worship at Home

If you are unable to attend worship, you can listen to the Lutheran Hour sermon at 8:00 a.m. on station KBRT AM 740 each Sunday.

If you have a TV and can get DirectTV, Channel 377 you can view Worship Anew at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. This service is filmed at our Fort Wayne Seminary in Indiana. For those

people who have a computer, the Worship Anew worship service can be viewed via the internet at any time.





## Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for March as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, and the Gospel, as we begin the season of Lent:

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
March 5	Genesis 12:1-9	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-8, 13-17	John 3:1-17
March 12	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95:1-9	Romans 5:1-8	John 4:5-30, 39-42
March 19	Isaiah 42:14-21	Psalm 142	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
March 26	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:1-11	John 11:1-53

## 79<sup>th</sup> Temple City Camellia Festival

**★ 79<sup>TH</sup> TEMPLE CITY ★  
CAMELLIA FESTIVAL**

TEMPLE CITY PARK  
**FEBRUARY 24-25-26, 2023**

PARADE- FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 AM  
**CARNIVAL**  
FRIDAY 4PM-10PM  
SATURDAY 11AM-1PM  
SUNDAY 12PM-8PM

RIDES ★ GAMES ★ FOOD ★ FREE ENTERTAINMENT  
FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

[WWW.CAMELLIAFESTIVAL.ORG](http://WWW.CAMELLIAFESTIVAL.ORG)

**Temple City Camellia Festival**  
Carnival - Parade - Family Fun

**Imagine If...**  
79<sup>th</sup> Temple City Camellia Festival February 24-26, 2023

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**PRESALE**  
Carnival Ride Tickets  
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\*Wristband for use on Sunday Only  
Between the Hours of 12 pm to 7 pm\*

Purchase Online at [TheFunCarnival.com](http://TheFunCarnival.com)

**OR in person at**  
• Temple City Hall  
• Live Oak Park

**New Ticket System**  
.50 Cents = 1 Credit  
All Rides Cost 9-15 Credits  
Carnival Rides & Games will use Credit System

**Carnival Dates**  
February 24 4 pm - 10 pm  
February 25 11 am - 11 pm  
February 26 12 pm - 8 pm

**Food Booths Require Cash**

[www.CamelliaFestival.org](http://www.CamelliaFestival.org)

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*Rev. Scott Ganas, Pastor*

8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
Holy Communion every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays only  
9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY  
Every Sunday