



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT FIRST

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 27 & 28

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 1

Noon and 7:00 p.m. Services

Join us for a meal following the Noon Service.

First Communion Meal: 5:30—6:45 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Noon and 7:00 p.m. Services

EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 3

7:00 p.m. Service

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

7:00, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Services

*An Easter breakfast will be served from
8-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.*

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LENTEN JOURNEY 2010

First Lutheran Church

Geneseo, Illinois

Sharing Christ's Love

FAITHTIME SCHEDULE DURING LENT

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| 3:30 p.m. | Gathering, Snack & Games
<i>(Grades 1-6)</i> |
| 4:00 p.m. | Faithtime Troupe
<i>(Grades 1-3)</i>
Celebration Choir
<i>(Grades 4-6)</i>
Youth Room Open |
| 4:30 p.m. | Sonshine Choir
<i>(Grades 1-3)</i>
Faithtime Troupe
<i>(Grades 4-6)</i> |
| 5:00 p.m. | Psalm 150 |
| 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Dinner Served |
| 5:45 p.m. | Children Celebrating Lent
<i>(Lessons & activities for all
children—Grades K-6)</i>
Confirmation |
| 6:00 p.m. | Senior High Ministry
Palm Sunday Cantata
<i>Rehearsal—Not Ash Wed.</i>
First Book Club — <i>(Second
Wednesday of each month)</i> |
| 7:00 p.m. | Lenten Worship Service |
| 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary Choir— <i>Not Ash Wed.</i> |

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES AT FIRST

Lent is the 40 day season of preparation for commemoration of Holy Week. The prophet Joel reminds us in chapter 2, verse 13, “return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” But exactly, how can we return to the Lord? How can we enter into his presence?

First Lutheran invites you to enter into our 2010 Lenten journey as we return to the Lord. This journey begins on Wednesday, February 17 with Ash Wednesday. We will gather as the Church for confession and Holy Communion.



Each Wednesday at noon and 7 p.m. thereafter, a 30 minute service will be held. Our liturgy will be a service of scripture, reflection, prayer, silence, candlelight, and simple song as we gather together around the cross.

This year, Pr. Arthur will be preaching a five-part sermon series on Returning to the Lord. Through the faith practices of Studying, Serving, Worshiping, Giving, and Praying we discover the presence of the Lord. Through these faith practices, God meets us and renews us in life and faith. As we return to the Lord this Lent, we’ll discover Jesus has been there all along.



Ash Wednesday, February 17
Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
Services at Noon & 7 p.m.

RETURN TO THE LORD
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

The prophet Joel calls the people of God to return to the Lord who is gracious and merciful. On Ash Wednesday, the Church embodies the words of Joel. We begin this journey by returning to the cross. On the cross, Jesus bore our sins and joined a suffering humanity. In worship, a cross of ashes is made upon our foreheads. These ashen crosses remind us of mortality, sin and most importantly, our need of God. As we return to the Lord this Lent, we’ll discover Jesus has been there all along.

Soup & Salad Luncheon—12:45 p.m.
Pot Roast Vegetable/Cream of Potato
Faithtime Dinner—5-6:30 p.m.
Cream of Spinach/Lasagna Soup

Wednesday, February 24
Half-hour service at Noon & 7 p.m.
RETURN TO THE LORD: STUDY

Matthew 7:24-29

In the closing image of Jesus’ sermon on the mount, Jesus speaks of those who study his word. The image invokes foundations. One man builds his house on sand, while the other man builds his house on rock. As we return to the Lord in study, we’ll discover Jesus has been there all along.

Soup & Salad Luncheon—12:30 p.m.
Chicken Noodle/Creamy Tomato
Faithtime Dinner—5-6:30 p.m.
Vegetable Beef/Creamy Tomato

Wednesday, March 3

Half-hour service at Noon & 7 p.m.

RETURN TO THE LORD: SERVE
Matthew 25:31-46

In the parable of the Last Judgment, Jesus speaks of the one difference between the sheep and the goats. The one difference is how they treated the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick or the imprisoned. We learn that we meet Jesus in the faces of those who have the most need within the life of the world. As we return to the Lord in service, we’ll discover Jesus has been there all along.

Soup & Salad Luncheon—12:30 p.m.
Chicken Wild Rice/Broccoli Cheddar
Faithtime Dinner—5-6:30 p.m.
Chicken Noodle/Broccoli Cheddar

Wednesday, March 10

Half-hour service at Noon & 7 p.m.

RETURN TO THE LORD: WORSHIP
Luke 22:13-20

At the celebration of Passover, Jesus took bread and wine and promised his presence in that meal for all who believe. Jesus always meets us in worship as we gather for Word and Sacrament. It’s no wonder the God of Heaven and Earth commanded us to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. As we return to the Lord in worship, we’ll discover Jesus has been there all along.

Soup & Salad Luncheon—12:30 p.m.
Italian Wedding/White Chicken Chili
Faithtime Dinner—5-6:30 p.m.
Potato/White Chicken Chili

Wednesday, March 17

Half-hour service at Noon & 7 p.m.

RETURN TO THE LORD: GIVE
Luke 12:22-34

By virtue of living in America, we are among the world’s wealthiest people. Yet we are tempted over and over again to believe that we do not have enough time, love or money to live. Jesus reminds us that it is the Father who provides for us and invites us into a life of generosity. As we return to the Lord in giving, we’ll discover Jesus has been there all along.

Soup & Salad Luncheon—12:30 p.m.
Vegetable Beef/Wisconsin Cheese
Faithtime Dinner—5-6:30 p.m.
Tortilla Soup/Veggie Black Bean

Wednesday, March 24

Half-hour service at Noon & 7 p.m.

RETURN TO THE LORD: PRAY
Matthew 26:36-46

After the first Holy Communion Table on the first Maundy Thursday, Jesus goes to Gethsemane to pray. In that prayer, he brings his angst and fear but submits himself to his father's will. In prayer, we bring all that we experience in life to God who gives us faith to face the course of life. As we return to the Lord in prayer, we’ll discover Jesus has been there all along.

Soup & Salad Luncheon—12:30 p.m.
Bean with Ham/Garden Vegetable
Faithtime Dinner—5-6:30 p.m.
Chicken Wild Rice/Garden Vegetable