

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preacher: Pastor Greg DeBoer

Worship Leader: (8:30) Kathy Kirby **(10:15)** Derek Fey

Children's Time: (8:30) Heather Kroeger **(10:15)** Gina DeBoer

Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10; Matthew 21:1-11

Hymns: #344, #512, UMH 278, #634, #855, #484, #660

Musicians: (8:30) Organist: Amy Spies
(10:15) Band

Prayers of healing for Lyn Robart, Dennis, Bill Miller, Jan Larsen, Shirley Brandert (*Amy Spies' mother*), John Clopper, Joy Horn, Gayle Paschall, Gene Anderson, Janie Baugh, Virginia Gard, Ron Pronske, Butch Scott, Jeff Glosser, Laura Brodd, Ruth Rector, Elton DeBoer, & Jeree Menning

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Elaine Ross in loving memory of her husband Danny Ross & her daughter Linda Carr.

Sunday Morning Gathering is sponsored by Brian & Pam Brodd in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary.

Total Attendance for the Week 3/22: 458

Wednesday Lent Worship: 123

Sunday Worship: 335

Giving for the Period of 3/17-3/22:

Weekly Giving: \$10,890

Tithes for March: \$49,719.08

Tithes Budget for March: \$72,000

Giving Year-to-date: \$572,850.79

Budget Year-to-date through March: \$580,000



Be A 2026 Sponsor!

Scan the QR Code or go to
www.flcfremont.org/events to sign up!

Sunday Morning Gathering Sponsor: \$150

Altar Flower Sponsor: \$50

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ABOUT FIRST LUTHERAN

Questions??

Welcome Center: located just outside the Worship center towards the front entrance.

For Our Youngest Worshippers

Creation Stations: are located on each side of the Worship Center. This is an area for children to be creative while in worship.

Children's Bulletins: are located by each entrance into the Worship Center.

Busy Bags: are filled with quiet activities for children, located by each entrance of the Worship Center. Please return them at the end of the service.

Children's Message: is a time during worship for kids to hear the message at their level.

Sunday Small Groups: are available September-April for children 1 yr—6th grade from 9:40-10:10am in the Sunday School wing.

Sunday Morning Adult Small Groups:

Various studies are offered between services in the Heritage Room & Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to join!

Needing Care?

FirstCare: If you are in need of pastoral ministry or a visit, please contact the Church Office.

Worship Assistance

Open Seating: available for people with limited mobility. Please leave these areas for walkers & wheelchairs & a seat for their companion.

Hearing Assistance: devices are available at the sound booth at the back of the Worship Center.

Gather at the Table

Communion: All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You will receive a wafer & cup of wine or grape juice from the servers. Gluten-free wafers & white grape juice are also available. If you would like communion brought to you, please inform an usher.

Fellowship Time: hot & cold coffee, tea, milk & donut holes are available in Fellowship Hall. Help yourself & enjoy time of friends & fellowship.

In the Chair Pockets:

Green Cards: This card offers various ways to give to FLC. You may place this card in the offering tray to indicate electronic giving.

Blue Cards: This card allows you to share your contact information, prayer requests for the staff to pray over, & to let us know you have worshipped with us. Please place this card in the offering tray. We look forward to getting to know you!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 29

PALM SUNDAY

Activities for Everyone!

9:40-10:10am

**During Sunday Small Group Time*

THIS WEEK'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS...

JOIN US! — Palm Sunday Activities TODAY!

Join us today between services for Palm Sunday Activities. Together, we will make family resurrection gardens, cross windchimes and traditional folded Palm whip crosses. All are invited!

March Ministry Partner — FLC Mobile Banquet

Contact: Heidi Richmond (heidir@flcfremont.org)

Thank you for your continued support of the FLC Mobile Banquet through monetary donations, Lenten meals, other donations, and volunteer time. This ministry would not be able to feed 270+ people every second Thursday without your help.

While we have a dedicated group of volunteers, we are always looking for new helpers to assist with prepping, packing, loading, and cleaning. It is a rewarding and simple way to get involved. Additionally, while food donations are essential, monetary donations are also welcomed to help sponsor specific food items and meals.



Please prayerfully consider how you can help us address food insecurity and share kindness with our neighbors. You can sign up to assist with our next meal on April 9 at www.flcfremont.org or by scanning the QR code here.

Thank you for your impact on our community.

Thrivent® Choice Dollars® — Thank You!

Thank you to all of our supporters! In 2025, FLC received **\$2,862** through Thrivent® Choice Dollars®! If you haven't done so, **remember to direct your 2025 Choice Dollars by March 31** at thrivent.com/thriventchoice to support FLC!

Lincoln Lutheran Choir Concert

Come experience an afternoon of uplifting music and reflection at the upcoming **FREE** concert, "Jesus My Joy," on Sunday, April 19 at 3:00pm in the Worship Center. We are thrilled to host the Lincoln Lutheran Choir along with their special guests, our very own FLC Choir, for a performance dedicated to celebrating faith through song.



Get Involved At First Lutheran!

There are many ways to get involved at FLC!

Visit www.flcfremont.org/events, scan the QR code or call the Church Office at 402-721-2959 to see how you can help! Your time, effort, and resources are **PRICELESS** to us!

Spoudazo NextGen 2026: Know ~~NO~~ God

Contact: Gina DeBoer (ginad@flcfremont.org)

Do you have a passion for sharing the gospel? Do you love to sing or act? Do you want to grow your relationship with other teens and God? **If you said yes to any of these, Spoudazo NextGen is for you and registration is open!**

Rehearsals begin on May 26 and will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm. Camp is July 7th-9th from 9am-3pm. Tour dates are July 15-19 with the home concert being held at FLC on July 26. The group will head West into Colorado on tour. Cost is \$350. **Registration and \$100 of the total cost is due by April 30, 2026.** Scan the QR code or go online to www.flcfremont.org/events to register.



College leaders are an integral part of the Spoudazo team. We are currently accepting applications from college aged students wanting to be a small group leader in Spoudazo NextGen. Go to www.flcfremont.org/childrenministry to fill out the application.

Help Us Transform The Church Into A Rainforest!

Contact: Gina DeBoer (ginad@flcfremont.org)

Creating a rainforest takes many miscellaneous supplies. If you have any items to donate or lend to FLC for VBS, please drop them off in Gina's office.

Items Needed: Broken Umbrellas • Empty Wrapping Paper Tubes • Brown Paper Packaging (Ex. from Amazon deliveries) • Artificial Green Plants

Be sure to clearly label items you want returned after VBS. Help us design an immersive atmosphere for the kids to explore the nature of God this summer!

Adopt-A-Prop is a perfect way to support VBS during your spare time at home. Check out the bags by the VBS display to see which project you would like to try! We need people to create everything from plastic tablecloth vines to paper chain snakes. All directions and supplies are included in the kits. See Gina if you need help choosing what is best for you!



Student Registration & Volunteer Sign Up can be found online on our Children and Youth Ministry page. You can also scan the QR code or contact the Church Office.

Spring Is Coming — Mowers Needed!

We're all ready for the snow to surpass and the warm temperatures to set in! Enjoy the fresh air and the satisfaction of a freshly cut lawn while serving our church family by joining our mowing team!

Interior Lawn (Push Mowers/Trimmers): We are in need of additional individuals to mow the interior section of the church lawn. Starting in mid April through October, we have teams of 2 mow on Friday or Saturday so the lawn looks nice for worship on Sunday. This task takes about an hour and a half and teams would only mow 3-4 times during the year. Contact Dick Norenberg (402-721-0615) if you're interested.

Exterior Lawn (Zero-Turn Mowers): Do you know how to operate a zero-turn mower or want to learn how? We need volunteers willing & able to operate zero-turn mowers to mow the outer field areas of the church each week. This job takes 1 person approx. 7 hours or 2 people approx. 4 hours. If you have questions, please contact Dave Poppe (402-619-7141). Scan the QR code or go online to www.flcfremont.org/events to sign up for Zero-Turn Mowing dates.



All lawn care equipment is provided! Lawn care is usually completed on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday so the church looks nice on Sundays. In addition to mowing, we also need volunteers to help edge and assist with landscape clean up as needed. If you are interested in keeping this corner of God's creation beautiful, please call the church office.

FLC High School Lock-In — Goodies Needed

Contact: Gina DeBoer (ginad@flcfremont.org)

The HS FLYs will be spending the night at FLC next Friday, April 3. Lock-In will begin after the conclusion of Good Friday worship. We are looking for a few people to make brownies or cookies for the kids. Contact Gina if you can help!

Want To Try Electronic Giving? Here's How:

- Text the dollar amount to **402-999-4983**
- Scan this QR code

If you would like to set up a recurring gift, please contact Wendy Grosse at wendyg@flcfremont.org or 402-721-2959.



THE VERDICT IS IN!



The Verdict on Judas... and the Grace of God

In our Lenten series, the jury reached its decision in
The People vs. Judas Iscariot:

79%

Voted for Eternal Life

18%

Voted for Eternal Punishment

3%

Abstained & Left it to God

It's always interesting to see how people respond to Judas – the disciple whose story troubles us, fascinates us, and raises deep questions about sin, grace, and salvation.

But as Lutherans, we know something important: it ultimately doesn't matter what we decide about Judas. His fate isn't in our hands. It never was.



We believe we are saved by grace through faith, not by our moral performance or by the size of our sins. God's grace in Christ's death and resurrection is more than enough to cover any sin, even betrayal. That doesn't mean everyone is automatically saved.

Faith matters.
Trust in Christ matters.
**But grace is always
bigger than we imagine.**

And when it comes to Judas, we simply don't know the whole story. We don't know what he was thinking when he betrayed Jesus. We don't know what grief or regret overwhelmed him. We don't know what prayers he may have whispered in his final moments. We don't know what conversations he and God may have had.

What we do know is this – God alone sees the heart. God alone judges with mercy and truth. And if God's grace can reach someone like Judas, then it can certainly reach us. That's the real comfort of the story, not the verdict we render, but the grace God offers.

In the end, Judas reminds us that salvation is God's work, not ours. And that's very good news.