FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Muskegon, Michigan



24 Pentecost
Thursday, November 05, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 08, 2026
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

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Welcome to this time of worship. We are especially grateful for those of you who are visitors. You make us more whole. First Lutheran is a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a church body committed to the welcome of the stranger and to the questions and doubts of all seekers.

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We are grateful you are here! Thank you for your faithful giving.
Ways to give:
Scan the QR code below or use the "Simply Giving" program to make regular donations from your checking account. Download the form from our website and turn into the office.

The flowers on the altar are given by Ed and Deb Wosinksi in honor of the marriage of Nick and Maddie Schwartz.

The eternal candle is given by Barb Bonifield in celebration of her 93rd birthday.

Announcements

This week's **Wednesday dinner** will be hosted by our confirmation kids. They will be serving hotdogs with various toppings, macaroni and cheese, salad and desserts. Proceeds will benefit Noah Project.

We are now **collecting items for the Reeths Puffer Schools food pantry**. You can find a list of items needed on an insert in the bulletin, or you can pick up a copy at either information station. Items should be placed on the table in the lobby by the office by Sunday, November 22nd.

Are you interested in working on a **Habitat House here in Muskegon**? Please contact Kent Johnson 231-670-7758

A **Ministry Council meeting** is planned for Tuesday, November 10th at 5:30 p.m. Meet in the library.

Sign up to give blood at the **Red Cross Blood Drive** taking place here on Monday, November 23rd from 11:30 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. Sign up by calling Kim Westerholm at 712-539-8536, or online at www.redcrossblood.org.

Join us for **men's and women's breakfast** on Saturday, November 21st at 8:30 a.m. The men will study the book of Revelation.

Our **Thanksgiving worship service** will take place on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Edgewood Lutheran Church.

Plan on joining us for a **Taize' worship** here on Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the upper room.

Camp (Stony Lake) registration opens November 9th! This is for kids entering grades 1-12 in the 2027-28 school year. Camp will take place June 13-18. They offer pay what you can, which means full price, half, or nothing. Questions? See Emma Johnston or Jeff or Laura Lucht.

Order of Service
"Getting Ready"

Prelude

Order of Confession **(screen)**

Hymn **"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"** **#244 (red) (vv. 1-3)**

Greeting **(screen)**

Hymn of Praise (6 pm only) **pp. 149-150**

Salutation/Prayer of the Day

Special Music **"People Get Ready"** **Band**

First Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Gospel Verse **(screen)**

Gospel Reading **Matthew 25:1-13**

Children's Message/Noisy Offering/Junior Church
This week's noisy offering will be used for building maintenance and repairs.

Hymn **"Wait for the Lord"** **#262 (red)**

Sermon

Hymn **"Let Justice Roll Like A River"** **#85 (purple) (vv. 1, 2,5)**

Announcements

Prayers

Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving **(screen)**

Holy, Holy **(screen)**

The Lord's Prayer **(screen)**

Communion/First Communion

"All Are Welcome"	**(screen)**
"Come to the Table"	**#481 (red)**
"Blessed Assurance"	**#638 (red)**
"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"	**#717 (red)**
"Christ, Be Our Light"	**#715 (red)**

Blessing/Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn **"Soon and Very Soon"** **#439 (red)**

Benediction/Dismissal

Postlude

Jackson LaChapelle is receiving his first communion on Thursday. Jackson is the son of Jenny and David and the brother of Olivia. He is in the fifth grade at Reeths-Puffer. He enjoys playing with Legos, collecting rocks, reading, and making people laugh.

More Announcements

I (Lorey) am looking for someone to **help me out with some tasks related to Abiding Memorial gifts and thank-you notes**. This person would need to have nice handwriting and some basic knowledge in how to do an Excel spreadsheet. See me, if you would like to know more.

Parents and children, come swim and play with us! **Elementary pool party** at Pastor Bill's condo on Sunday, November 22 from 2:00-3:30. RSVP to Emma Johnston. Text at 712-395-0502, or email at emma@firstlutheranmuskegon.org.

There are two opportunities each week to join us for a **lectionary Bible study**. Join us in-person each Wednesday evening at 6:10 p.m. or every Thursday at noon in-person or via Zoom. See Pastor Bill if you need a Zoom link sent to you for Thursdays.

Readings for Next Weekend	**(for 11-15-26)**
First Reading	Zephaniah 1:7,12-18
Psalm	Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel Reading	Matthew 25:14-30

THOSE WHO SERVE 11/05 and 11/08

Assisting Minister	Joel Westerholm
Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Joe Labiak
Lector Sun.10:30 a.m.	Mary Schoonover
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Diane Madej, Stan Daszko
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Sadie Thomas
Head Usher	Kent Johnson
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	John Arter, Tara Plekes Diane Kroll
Junior Church	Susan Besteman
Song Leaders	Mary Schoonover, Emily Traub
Sound System	Mark Besteman
Information Stations	Ruth Basch, Connie Larson
Counters	Val Barnes, Sandy Hutchins
Communion Bread	Mary Will
Communion Set-Up	Evie DiPiazza
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Evie DiPiazza
Coffee Hour Hosts	Lynda Ferry, Shar Bourdon
Building Lockers	Fellowship Ministry
Bus Driver Pick Up, Drop Off	Not Available

THOSE WHO SERVE 11/12 and 11/15

Assisting Minister	Bert Goodman
Lector Thurs. 6:00 p.m.	Sabina Freeman
Lector Sun.10:30 a.m.	Bonnie Gouine
Servers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Ed and Deb Wosinski
Acolytes Sun.10:30 a.m.	Peyton Mock, Madi Stewart
Head Usher	Jeff Cooke
Ushers Sun.10:30 a.m.	Larry Bringedahl, Sandy Young Ben Werling
Junior Church	Emma Johnston
Song Leaders	Sande Borushko, Barb Elliott
Sound System	Nate Johnston
Information Stations	Stan Daszko, Carol Parker
Counters	Diane Kroll, Jenny Lindell
Communion Bread	Bert Goodman
Communion Set-Up	Bert Goodman
Clean-Up Sun.10:30 a.m.	Bert Goodman
Coffee Hour Hosts	Barb Pellerin
Building Lockers	Stewardship Ministry
Bus Driver Pick Up, Drop Off	Jim Elliott

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

	Activity	Location
Sunday 11/08/2026		
9:15 a.m.	Faith Formation	Upper Room
9:15 a.m.	Confirmation	Gallery
9:15 a.m.	Youth Choir	Lower Music Room
10:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary & Online
12:00 p.m.	Bells	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fundraiser for Julie Traver	Family Life Center
6:00 p.m.	Listening for the Word	Gallery
7:00 p.m.	AA	1st Floor Education Room
Monday 11/09/2026		
12:00 p.m.	Quilt Group	Quilt Room
3:00 p.m.	Sons of Norway Board Meeting	Gallery
3:30 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous	Gallery
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	1st Floor Education Room
7:00 p.m.	Cardio Drum Class	Family Life Center
Tuesday 11/10/2026 Bulletin Deadline		
9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	SHOP Group	Gallery
9:30 a.m.	1st on 2nd Quilt Group	Gallery
11:00 a.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
4:30 p.m.	Lion's Officer's Meeting	Library
5:30 p.m.	Ministry Council Meeting	Library
6:30 p.m.	Choir	Sanctuary
9:00 p.m.	Compline	Facebook
Wednesday 11/11/2026		
9:00 a.m.	ABC's of Cooking Class	Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
9:00 a.m.	Music Together Class	Lower Music Room
11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Gallery
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:10 p.m.	Bible Study	Upper Room
6:15 p.m.	Muppet Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday 11/12/2026		
12:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Gallery
4:00 p.m.	Burnished Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Lisa's Music Lessons	Lower Music Room
6:00 p.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
Friday 11/13/2026		
5:00 p.m.	Sons of Norway Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	1st Floor Education Room
Saturday 11/14/2026		