

CELEBRATION Lutheran Church

February 22 & 25, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent

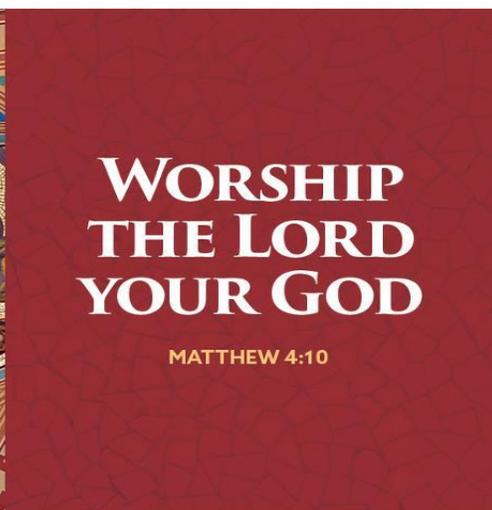
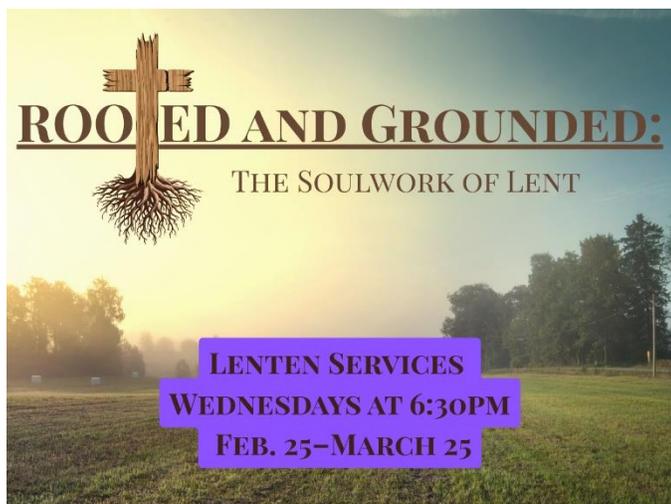
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am and Wednesday 6:30pm

in-person and online worship

Our online service can be found on Facebook, YouTube or on our Website:
CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

CELEBRATE * GROW * SERVE

Celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ - **Grow** as faithful disciples - **Serve** in the world!



WELCOME!

- Visitors: Please sign the Welcome to Worship book today when it is passed to you. Please include your contact information.

"We, Celebration Lutheran Church, embrace and celebrate the diversity of all people. We are committed to fostering a welcoming and safe space where people of every race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression and identity, educational and economic background, relationship status, or physical and mental ability, can experience love, support, and community. We value racial equity and inclusivity, where everyone is worthy of dignity and respect. We invite you to journey with us, as we grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and extend love to all."

Here at Celebration, you are welcome just as you are."



Growing Together in Christ



Thank you for your support!

We Prepare For Worship:

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Second Reading: Psalm 32

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Black Bible: pg. 2

Black Bible: pg. 440

Black Bible: pg. 785

8:30am Sunday Music:

Organ – Dr. Kim Kasling

Prelude Song: Organ Solo

Opening Song: "We Are Marching in the Light"

ELW #866

Song of Praise: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" ELW #608

Offering Song: "When We Are Tested" On Screen

Communion Song: "By Your Hand You Feed Your People" ELW #502

Closing Song: "Lead Me, Guide Me" ELW #768

To prepare for worship on March 1, 2026, read:

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

10:30am Sunday Music:

Musicians – Dwaine Bruns, Jeanne Bruns, Tom Garberick, Mark Wolters

Prelude Song: SOLO

Opening Song: "We Are Marching in the Light"

ELW #866

Song of Praise: "My Heart Is Yours" On Screen

Offering Song: "Who Am I" On Screen

Communion Song: "Open Space" On Screen

Closing Song: "Lead On Good Shepherd" On Screen

Children are welcome to participate in worship. Children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community children can serve as ushers, greeters & readers. We expect that children will be children—giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids (and their parents) sometimes need a break. We also have a self-serve nursery available for ages birth – 5 years old or kids tables located in the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests

Contact Jenny in the office with requests. Prayers are listed for 4 weeks; contact the office to extend.



In Our Prayers: Alice Bailey, Stuart Bailey, Paul Berglund, Lucy Bjorkman, Jim Ellis, Kathleen Engel, Lynn Fitzthum, Phil Konsor, Abe Salber, Karla Teer, Diane Weber,

Rhonda Akkerman (Josh Akkerman's mother)

Gina Bortnem (Karell Sartell's daughter)

Mike Flanagan (Kelly Fandel's father)

Pat Gray (Shari Pretzer's sister-in-law)

Paul Killmer (Wayne Killmer's bother)

Sandy Liestman (Todd Thornton's mother-in-law)

Don Manea (Dale & Carol Ann Zika's friend)

Kristi Malley (Bill & July Morgan's daughter)

Don Schwegel (Jessica Akkerman's father)

Dan Sowada (Vern Voss' brother-in-law)

Julie Widvey (Stacy Anderson's sister)

Military:

Colin Stein (Aaron & Connie Stein's son)

Ben Brix (Darren & Jenny Brix' son)

Cody Raymond (son of Lynette Pflueger and brother of Ashley Raymond)



Please return your 2026 Commitment Card to the office as soon as possible to aid us in financial planning. Thank you!

Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and financial gifts. The figures below provide a snapshot of our financial activity through the seventh month of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. We are deeply grateful for your generosity, which makes our missions and ministries possible.

	Mission & Ministry Funds	Building/Capital
Giving YTD	\$655,841	\$110,004
Budget YTD	\$746,075	\$116,667
Expenditures YTD	\$703,859	\$93,242
Budget YTD	\$738,630	\$123,000
Net YTD	-\$48,018	\$16,762
Net Budget YTD	\$7,445	-\$6,333
Ahead (Behind)	-\$55,463	\$23,096

Thank you for the upgrades to our prayer station:

- Nancy Henderson - New glass top
- Peder Hegland - New prayer bowl



CELEBRATION Lutheran Church Mission Quilters

THANK YOU FOR THE RECENT QUILTS COMPLETED!

Join us to tie knots on our mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief, Bless-A-Family, and local needs.



We would love to see YOU for fun and fellowship!

Like to sew at home? Quilt kits are available behind the Welcome Center

Donations of bed sheets are always appreciated! (gently used)

Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Every Month @ 9:00am

LENTEN MISSION FOCUS

CLC FREE STORE

Wednesday Lenten Mission Offerings will help support our Community Free Store!



PINTS & PRAISE

March 1st 4:00pm

25 College Ave N St. Joseph, MN



FREE
Community Store

Pick-Up Food Bag Event

Tuesday, March 3rd
10am - 12pm*

1 Free Food Bag PER FAMILY
 • Must Be Present At Pickup
 • While Supplies Last*
 • All In Need Are Welcome
 • No Appointment Necessary

CELEBRATION
Lutheran Church
1500 Pine Cone Rd N, Sartell, MN

YouthConnection
Sunday School (Age 3-Kind)
GodZone (Gr. 1-5)
 Nicole Ofstedahl: 255-0488 x 105
 NOftedahl@CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

Middle School (6-8)
 Katrina Bahen: 255-0488 x 107
 KBahen@CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

High School (Gr. 9-12)
 Nathan Kleppe: 255-0488 x 108
 NKleppe@CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

WALL OF GENEROSITY

Please visit our special display in the Gathering Space and pick your favorite number to help support our youth going on mission trips this summer!

Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU for your generous support of money, donations, and volunteering for the CLC FREE store!! Contact Jenny to get involved!



Wednesdays at 10:30am

Join us for our new **Chair Yoga** class—a gentle, accessible way to stretch, move, and relax. Led by instructor Marilyn Peitso, the class meets in the Commons and is \$3 per session.

*Wear comfortable, stretchy clothes and comfortable shoes.

Celebrate Preschool

We Care . . . We Share . . . We Help!

REGISTER TODAY!!

2026/2027 school year (3 - 5 year olds)
 Tues, Thurs, & Fri, 8:30-11:30am
 For more information call 255-0488 x 106

CELEBRATION
Lutheran Church
1500 Pine Cone Rd N, Sartell
A ministry of Celebration Lutheran Church

CLC FREE STORE ITEMS NEEDED
 (Approx. 160 of each per month!)

- Canned Fruit
- Shampoo / Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Feminine Products
- Peanut Butter ·Cereal
- Fruit Snacks / Granola Bars
- Hamburger Helper / Macaroni & Cheese
- Reusable Cloth Shopping Bags
- Spaghetti Noodles / Spaghetti Sauce
- Taco Seasoning & shells (soft)
- Monetary Donations ·Hand Soap / Dish Soap

yoga MONDAYS @ 8:30AM
 WITH MARILYN PEITSO

No Class on 2/23

- Wear stretchy clothing for this hatha style class.
- Bring your yoga mat, blocks and straps if you have them.
- All levels and ages welcome.
- \$5 per session payable at class.

Join us for our Lent **MISSION MEALS**
 Benefitting Our Summer Mission Trip Youth

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm Before Worship

2/25 Sloppy Joes
 3/4 Tater-Tot Hotdish
 3/11 Burger Bar with Fries
 3/18 Mike's Pulled Pork
 3/25 Chicken Wild Rice Soup & Sandwiches

ALL Seniors 55+ YOU ARE INVITED to...

March 12 11:30am

THE LUNCH BUNCH

FUN & FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK SOCIAL
 Bring a dish to share

For more information, contact the Office

Our Second Street Boys gather each week for coffee, conversation, and connection. It's a time to share faith, friendship, and a few good laughs as we start the week together. The group is currently reading *Low Anthropology*.

MEN'S GROUP

LOW ANTHROPOLOGY
 DAVID ZAHL

Mondays - 7:15am @ 2nd Street Coffee House

Contact Pastor Jeff with questions

Once Upon a Time... Fairytale Day of Fun

Sat, April 11 • 9:30 - 11:30 AM
 Sartell Community Center

- Meet and take your picture with Anna & Elsa
- Royal games, storytime & activities
- Royal tea snacks & drinks
- Royal dance at 11:15 AM
- Free Event for Children Under 10
- Costumes Welcome!

Drawing at 11am for 4 free Frozen Tickets from GREAT Theater

HEY MAMA... we saved a seat for you!

February 12

- Mary Center playdate at 9AM
- Celebration meetup at 7PM
 ◦ Topic: Tech talk for Kids

February 26

- Mary Center meetup at 9AM
 ◦ Topic: Awkward Friendship
- Celebration mom's night at 7PM
 ◦ Galentine's Night

GRANITE CITY MOM CO
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RAINBOW FALLS
 Exploring the Nature of God

Vacation Bible School
JUNE 1 - 4

SAVE THE DATE!

CELEBRATION
Lutheran Church

DAYCAMP
 Aug 3 - 6
 Half-Day OR Full Day

Middle School Movie Night
 March 4th @ 5:30pm
 Sign up here

MIRACLES from HEAVEN
 based on the incredible true story

How do we explain the impossible?

If you are interested in joining a small group or have an idea for a group you would like started, please contact **Pastor Russ 320-255-0488 x102**

Baby Care Kit

Items Needed



New or gently used,

6-24 months:

- jackets
- sweatshirts
- sleepers
- sweaters
- onesies



*Drop off in the church office.



Venmo QR code.

Please specify what payment is for!



We invite you to become an important part of our church family by volunteering your time and talents! There's a place for you here!



volunteers needed

To Volunteer contact **Jenny Keen**

Ph: 320-255-0488 ext. 170

Email:

jkeen@celebrationlutheranchurch.com



Thank you to everyone who donated to our coat drive this season. Your generosity has helped keep our neighbors warm and cared for this winter. With grateful hearts, we're happy to share that the coat drive has now ended for the season. ❤️

CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm

Friday 8am - 1pm

Lead Pastor: Jeff Sackett x 101

Congregational Life Pastor: Russ Britton x 102

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



LAURIE ALLEN

Laurie serves in many meaningful ways. She helps with Communion, greets on Sundays, assists with funeral and event meals, and plays a key role in the CLC Free Store —picking up donated meat from Fresh Thyme for distribution. During Holy Week, she steps in wherever needed and cares for coffee hour. Outside of church, she volunteers at Quiet Oaks Hospice, tends the flowers at Dick Putz Field, and enjoys time with her grandkids. Thank you, Laurie, for your years of dedication to Celebration!

<p>22</p> <p>8:30am Worship/Quilt Display</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am CCT Meeting</p> <p>10:30am Worship/Quilt Display</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7am Second Harvest delivery</p> <p>7:15am Men's Group @ 2nd St. Coffee House</p> <p>8:30am Second Harvest Pick up</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>1pm Pastoral Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Packing</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm Sloppy Joe Meal</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Worship</p> <p>7:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>7pm MomCo Meet Up</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pastor Jeff Sabbath</p> <p>Pastor Russ Sabbath</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>28</p> <p>HS Retreat at Luther Crest</p>
<p>1</p> <p>8:30am Worship</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>4pm Pints & Praise at Bad Habit</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:15am Men's Group @ 2nd St. Coffee House</p> <p>8:30am Yoga</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>1pm Pastoral Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Pick Up</p> <p>6:30pm Baptism Prep Class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>5:30pm MS Movie Night</p> <p>6pm Tater Tot Hotdish Meal</p> <p>6:30pm Lenten Worship</p> <p>7:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pastor Jeff Sabbath</p> <p>Pastor Russ Sabbath</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>4pm First Fridays for Single Moms</p>	<p>7</p>