

# CELEBRATION

Lutheran Church

March 22 & 25, 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

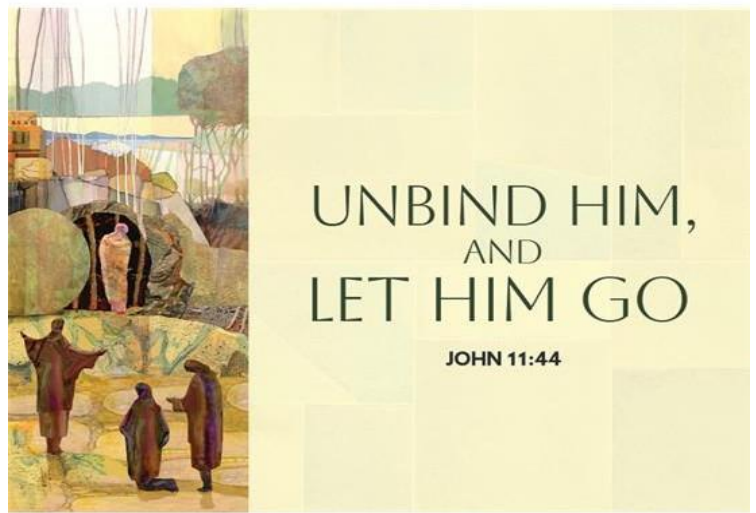
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am and Wednesday 6:30pm

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."*



Mission  
of the  
Month

**Helps**  
INTERNATIONAL

The life you change may be your own.



**Thank you for your support!**

## We Prepare For Worship:

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

Black Bible: pg. 704

**Next Sunday, March 29, 2026:**

**Second Reading:** Psalm 130

Black Bible: pg. 500

Palm Sunday

**Gospel Reading:** John 11:1-45

Black Bible: pg. 873

**10:30am Sunday Music:**

**8:30am Sunday Music:**

**Organ – Dr. Kim Kasling**

**Musicians – Christopher Britton, Dwaine Bruns,  
Jeanne Bruns, Mark Wolters**

**Prelude Song:** Organ SOLO

**Prelude Song:** "Holy Spirit"

On Screen

**Opening Song:** "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

ELW #617

**Opening Song:** "Rise Up (Lazarus)"

On Screen

**Song of Praise:** "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

ELW #614

**Song of Praise:** "Great Are You Lord"

On Screen

**Offering Song:** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

ELW #325

**Offering Song:** SOLO

**Communion Song:** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW #471

**Communion Song:** "Breathe"

On Screen

**Closing Song:** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW #543

**Closing Song:** "Stand In Your Love"

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, 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)

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)

Michael Orman (Gary & Linda Orman's son)

Kelly Plemel (Dale & Carol Ann Zika's friend)

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)



**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



## LENTEN MISSION FOCUS

CLC  
FREE STORE

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

**WELCA would like to thank everyone that attended or worked the Pancake Breakfast and Pie Auction. Through your generosity we were able to raise \$1,080 to go towards Lutheran Social Services of MN, Celebration Infrastructure Project & Stu Bailey's GoFundMe!**



**CLC FREE Community Store**

**Pick-Up Food Bag Event**

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**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

**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

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



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Let our Mission Trip Youth Feed You!

**Palm Sunday, March 29**  
**9:30am - Noon**

\$8 Ages 11+    \$5 Ages 1-10  
\$30 Family Cap

- Pancakes
- Sausage
- Fruit

SON OF GOD

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT**

APRIL 1 | 5:30-8:30 PM

PIZZA | SNACKS | BRING BLANKETS  
FARN 5000 POINTS | BRING GUESTS | DISCUSSION

**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

**SPRING FLING!** Please Bring Donations by April 10th

Fundraiser for our summer Youth Mission Trips

**MAY 3**

**CAN YOU DONATE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM?**

Forms Can Be Found At The Welcome Center

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

\$8 Adults  
\$5 Children  
\$30 Family Max

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm Before Worship

3/25 Chicken Wild Rice Soup & Sandwiches

**SWMN Women's Great River Spring Gathering**  
"Caring and Sharing When There is No Place to Call Home"  
Saturday, April 11, 2026

Registration at 8:30am; Meeting at 9am

**Celebration women** - your \$20 Registration will be paid by Celebration WELCA

Please register at the Welcome Center by March 30<sup>th</sup>

Atonement Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN

Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place, spiciest chili & most unique chili

**Chili Cookoff Fundraiser**

All proceeds go to support our Youth Boundary Waters Canoe Trips this summer!

April 19<sup>th</sup> @11:30

Come eat & vote on your favorite chili!

\$8 Adults,  
\$5 age 10 & under  
\$30 family max

Think YOU have the best chili? Sign up here to find out!

**Wednesday Night Ministries**

Join With Your Family In Worship

April 8

**GodZone & YDT**  
**Begin Again**

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

March 12

- Mary Center playdate at 9AM
- Celebration meetup at 7PM  
Topic: Building Resourcefulness in Kids

March 26

- Mary Center meetup at 9AM  
Topic: God's love for Easter
- Celebration mom's night at 7PM

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**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
Exploring the Nature of God

Vacation Bible School

**JUNE 1 - 4**  
9am to Noon

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CELEBRATION Lutheran Church**

**DAYCAMP**

Aug 3 - 6

Half-Day OR Full Day

2026 Celebration Youth Mission Trips

**Thomsens GARDEN CENTER**

**Gift Card Fundraiser**

Orders Due By April 8th - Gift Cards Available By April 15


Connect With A Youth Or Visit Celebration Welcome Center

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**



**Early Risers**  
Thursdays at 6:30am

Join us as we study scripture, pray, and have fun laughing and sharing.



**"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."**  
Ephesians 4:32

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](mailto:jkeen@celebrationlutheranchurch.com)

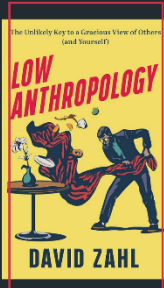
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Please specify what payment is for!

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**



Mondays - 7:15am

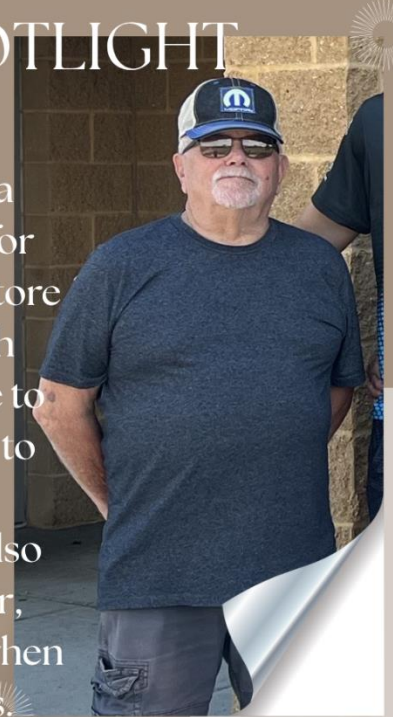
Contact Pastor Jeff with questions

@ 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Coffee House

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Curt Hansen

You can find Curt here twice a month distributing groceries for those attending our CLC Free Store events. He truly connects with people, never missing a chance to lend a hand or take a moment to listen and care about how someone's day is going. Curt also serves as a welcoming Greeter, making everyone feel at home when they come through the doors.



### CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ReachUs@celebrationlutheranchurch.com  
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm  
Friday 8am - 1pm

Lead Pastor: Jeff Sackett x 101

Congregational Life Pastor: Russ Britton x 102

<p>22</p> <p>8:30am Worship</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7am Second Harvest Delivery</p> <p>7:15am Men's Group @ 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Coffee House</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>1pm Pastoral Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Packing</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>11am VBS Prep</p> <p>5:30pm Soup &amp; Sandwich 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>11am VBS Prep</p> <p>7pm MomCo Meet Up</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pastor Jeff Sabbath</p> <p>Pastor Russ Sabbath</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1pm Palm Sunday Rehearsal</p>
<p>29 Palm Sunday</p> <p>8:30am Worship</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:15am Men's Group @ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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>31</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>5:30pm MS Movie Night</p> <p>7:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>2 Maundy Thursday</p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>3 Good Friday</p> <p>6:30pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>4</p>