

**Algona First United
Methodist Church**



Welcome Serve Love

This Week's Schedule

March 15

- Worship 5pm

March 16

- Worship 9am
- Adult & High School Bible Study 10:15am
- Church Chicks 5:30pm

March 17

- ELO 9-2pm
- LHN 9-11:30am
- Paper Magnolia's 10-12noon
- Finance 5:30pm

March 18

- Homestead 9am
- Mat Weaving 9-11:30am
- Van Buren 10am
- Prayer Devotions @12 noon
- Care Team Meeting 5:15pm

March 19

- LHN 9-11:30am
- ELO 9-2pm
- Mat Weaving 3:30-5:30pm
- Vine Meal Worship 5:30pm
- Bells, Kids Club, Middle School Youth Group, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study 6:15pm
- Choir & High School Youth Group 7pm

March 20

- LHN 9-11:30am
- Charity Circle 9am
- Friendship Circle 1:30pm

March 21

- ELO 9-10am
- Office closes @ 12 noon

Announcements

March Mission of the Month is Personal Dignity Kits for MMDC. A Lenten Journey.

Scholarships are available to our College students. Due June 1st!

Senior Parents!!! Get your pictures and RVSP's into the office!

Easter Lily Orders! Are due the 26th!

UWF Sewing Day is March 27!
9-12noon

Prayer Requests

Jean Sabus, Cindy Massey, Tom Larson, Bruce Thomas, Larry Johnson, Bob & Nita Boleneus, Steve and Rose King, Dennis Leigh. The Jan Lindhorst Family

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made. This is the day when he can be found.
People: God of all, breath of life, Living water, Savior, friend.
Leader: Come as the hungry, feed on his Word. Come as the thirsty, drink of his Love
Come as the faithful, worship the Lord.

Unison Opening Prayer

We worship a God of Promise, whose saving Grace brought a people from captivity into a land of promise, whose enduring love still leads us from places of captivity into a promise of peace, forgiveness and eternal life. The promises of God endure forever. The promises of God will be fulfilled. Amen.

***Song #140** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Saturday)
“Good, Good Father” (Sunday)

Old Testament Reading Lamentations 3:19-26

¹⁹I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. ²⁰I well remember them, and my soul is down-cast within me.²¹ Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:²² Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.²⁴ I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”²⁵ The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;²⁶ it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Congregational Prayer

Gentle Shepherd:

Thank you for the way you have led us to green pastures and still water; you’ve shown us beauty this week that has fed our souls. You have provided for our basic needs this week, thank you for the food we’ve eaten, for the clean water that comes out of our taps. You anoint us with oil, you gift us with grace, providing unexpected blessings over and over, encouragement and new strength when we falter tender compassion when we are spent. Some of us have walked through dark valleys this week, and all of us know someone in a dark valley, valleys of sickness, grief, uncertainty, fear. You meet us there in the darkness, you protect us. Goodness and mercy is following us all the days of our lives. We give thanks for this good life, for life and breath this day, a day to praise and thank you, we want to stay in your Presence forever. Amen.

***Song #529** “How Firm a Foundation” (Saturday) “At the Cross (Love Ran Red)” (Sunday)

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Offering & *Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Giving God, we thank you for these gifts and offerings, as we prepare for the Lenten season, help us to use our gifts to draw closer to you. Allow us to use these gifts to bring others your calming presence. In your Holy Name we pray. AMEN.

***Song #336** “Of All the Spirit’s Gifts to Me” (Saturday) “It Is Well (Through It All)” (Sunday)

Children’s Message

New Testament Reading *See insert for readings from John 14*

Message “Parting Promises”

***Response #369** “Blessed Assurance”

*Benediction

May the grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you and the strength of God protect and bring you safely through the week to come. Amen.

Sermon Notes

Parting Promises – John 14

Assurance of a Place in God’s Forever Home:

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Assurance of Guidance to the Father:

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” 6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Assurance of Answered Prayer: 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Assurance of the Holy Spirit’s

Indwelling Presence: 15 “If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you . . . 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Assurance of Life in the Trinity:

19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Assurance of Supernatural Peace: 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

These are amazing promises that can transform our lives and congregation!

These responses are appropriated by our faith and obedience: See 14:1, 12, 14, 15, 21, 27.