

Welcome to First Lutheran Church! May God richly bless our time together through silence, in prayer, song, and in studying God's Word.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude/Chimes "Overture to Messiah" George F. Handel

**Time For Quiet Reflection**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Gathering Song "Where Charity and Love Prevail" ELW# 359

**Greeting**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Psalm 22: 25-31**

Special Music "Lord Most High" Bob Fitts

First Reading Acts 8: 26-40

Second Reading 1John 4: 7-21

**Gospel Acclamation from Setting 11**

Gospel John 15: 1-8

Children's Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

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Hymn of the Day "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" vs 1,2,4 ELW# 367

**Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Sharing of the Peace**

Offering "Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer" Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Offering "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Blessing**

**Congregational Voices**

Sending Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" Folk Hymnal

**Dismissal**

Postlude "March of Triumph" William Stickles

**April 28, 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding our Christian faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Worship? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

**How Do We Apply it in Our Daily Lives**

Acts 8:26-40: The Holy Spirit leads the disciple Philip to baptize a African eunuch (castrated male). This person worships God. The Holy Spirit is leading us to believe that Jesus died for ALL people – not just the ones who look like us. Do you know someone who does not look like you who worships God?

Psalm 22:25-31 Praising God is part of our Christian DNA. As is passing our beliefs onto future generations. Do you praise God out loud somewhere besides church?

1 John 4:7-21: We can love ourselves, others, and strangers, because God loved us first. When was the last time you thanked God for the gift of love?

John 15:1-8: Jesus describes His relationship with us after His death. How does it feel to be so intimately connected with Jesus?

**Summer Camp Wish List:**

**Indoors:**

Craft supplies  
Storage Cubbies

8 qt size —for kids  
Belongings when here.



**Outside:**

**Balls (footballs, soccer, kickball) "these are really needed"**

Slip n slides  
Water guns & Sprinklers  
Scooters (2 & 3 wheel)  
Flag Football belts  
Kites  
Nets

**Mary Jane, Natasha, Sandy, Ray, Patricia, Michelle, Suzann, Darlene, Kathleen, Daryl, Sheri, Mike, Sean, Cheri, Gerry, Cathy, Tonya, Rob, Kim, Karen, Anita, Lois, Darrell, and Anne.**



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505 W Holdt St,  
Battle Lake, MN 56515



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**Thank you for your generous giving.**

**Have you ever wondered about the budgets and costs of your church? Here is an FYI for you.**

Weekly \$'s needed for budget::  
\$7,700

\$'s received for the budget on 04/14:  
\$2,876.00

Designated funds received (non-Budget \$): \$442.93 **THANK YOU!**



**Welcome to our WAFL versus Congregation challenge**

Well all, the WAFL kids won the challenge in their miles to Disney World and to Lego land. Great job WAFL. Sign up sheet for at least 3-5 volunteers from the congregation to serve them ice cream. This will be served on the 15th at Glendalough our last day of WAFL.

**Congratulations WAFL**

WAFL—2595 miles  
Congregation— 2108 miles

**Events Upcoming**

April 28th—Debt Reduction Forum— 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall

May 3rd—Feed My Starving Children—5:15 pm meet at church

May 5th—Blood Pressure clinic during fellowship

May 16th—Red Cross Blood Drive @ First Lutheran for appointment call Brenda @ 218-864-5539

May 22nd—Lock-in—5th grade and up

### Welcome!

We are glad you are here. Join us as we worship God and love our neighbors. Those who are mobility challenged are welcome to remain seated while others stand.

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee fellowship after service. To learn more about our ministries, visit our website at [www.blfirstlutheran.org](http://www.blfirstlutheran.org) or grab a copy of our newsletter at the Kiosk near the entryway.

If you are visiting, introduce yourself to Pastor Lynn – she would love to meet you!

### Where Charity and Love Prevail

“Where charity and love prevail” (1961) provides an English hymn version of a 9th-century Latin hymn, “Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est” (Where there is charity and love, God is there) based on 1 John 4:16.

### Now All The Vaults of Heaven Resounds

LASST UNS ERFREUEN derives its opening line and several other melodic ideas from GENEVAN 68 (68). The tune was first published with the Easter text "Lasst uns erfreuen herzlich sehr" in the Jesuit hymnal Ausserlesene Catlwische Geistliche Kirchengesänge (Cologne, 1623).

### They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

In 1855 Irishman Joseph M. Scriven penned the words to his most famous hymn. A hymn that makes one think about our friendships and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We should be very grateful we have a friend such as Christ. Proverbs 18:24, “A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Scriven wrote this hymn with great personal pain. Rather than focusing on his personal sorrows he decided to give it to the Lord in prayer. One can only image how Scriven’s burden was lifted by his Lord during prayer.

### Lord Most High

A worship song by Bob Fitts. Psalm 47, a psalm of the sons of Korah exhorts the nations to make music and sing praises to God, for He is the Lord Most High, and great King over all the earth. He chose for Himself the nation of Israel, and protected them from their enemies. And He is greatly to be praised for He reigns over the nations, and the kings of the earth belong to Him

Congregational Voices—Campfire Worship—Do?—If so, how often?

Comment boxes are located outside the sanctuary and in the office. Please feel free to place your comments in there!!



**Healthy WAFL snacks and juices are always needed and appreciated.**

**Thanks for all your contributions.**

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, April 28th

- 9:00 am Eggo
- 9:00 am Chosen
- 10:00 am Worship/Communion/New Members
- 11:00 am Coffee/Fellowship/Potuck
- 11:15 am Debt reduction forum

#### Monday, April 29th

- 9:00 am Quilters
- Open Youth Room

#### Wednesday, May 1st

- 3:15 pm WAFL
- 5:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:30 pm NA@ Sr. Ctr.

#### Thursday, May 2nd

- 8:00 am TOPS
- 8:30 am Men's fellowship

#### Friday, May 3rd

- 5:15 pm Holy Hops-Feed My Starving Children—meet at church
- 8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon @ Sr. Ctr.

#### Saturday, May 4th

- 2:00 pm Gladys Boyum funeral

#### Sunday, May 5th

- 9:00 am Eggo
- 9:00 am Chosen
- 10:00 am Worship/Communion/Baptism
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 am Altar Guild meeting
- 11:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic

Welcome Becky & Jonathon Johnson

**The Next New Member is Sunday, May 26th. Let the office or Pastor Lynn know if interested in joining. All are welcome!**

**Attendance for Sunday, April 21st—91 Facebook and Youtube—95**

Noisy offering for the Month of April will be going to help fund the Feed My Starving Children to help raise the \$500 for our team that is going in May to help package the food items to be sent.



**April 28, 2024**

**Worship 10 AM**

**Pastor : Lynn Melchior**

**Organist: Gail Malmgren Nelson**

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*“Sharing Hope in Christ”*

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**Pastoral Visits:** If you would like a visit, especially if you are to be or are hospitalized or are having health issues, please contact the church office at 218-864-5686 or you may contact Pastor Lynn on her cell, 218-298-0396.