

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 "Prelude and Fugue in F Major" J.S. Bach

**Time For Quiet Reflection**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Gathering Song "How Great is Our God" Laurie & Meg & Cindy

**Greeting**

**Baptism**

Hymn "All Who Believe and Are Baptized" ELW# 442

**Prayer of the Day**

Special Music "A Joyful Noise" by Verallen Moore-Edwards Bell Choir

First Reading Acts 10:44-48

Second Reading 1John 5: 1-6

**Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel John 15: 1-17

Children's Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

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Hymn of the Day "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" ELW# 708

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Sharing of the Peace**

Offering "Come Away to the Skies" Middlebury

Offering "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Blessing**

Sending Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" ELW# 595

**Dismissal**

Postlude "Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**May 4th 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - JOHN 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

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

Acts 10:44-48: God intends the good news to be for everyone and anyone. Peter shares this news in Acts. When have you shared the good news to someone who doesn't believe?

Psalm 98: This Psalm is a shout of victory and joy over God's defeat of evil. When was the last time you shouted with joy?

1 John 5:1-6: The world is not conquered through might but love. Can you think of an example in your life where this was true?

John 15:9-17: The most important command is to love one another. Who in your life is difficult to love? How can you love them while maintaining your boundaries?

**Summer Camp Wish List:**

**Indoors:**

Misc. Craft supplies

Storage Cubbies

8 qt size —for kids

Belongings when

here.



**Outside:**

Scooters (2 & 3 wheel)

Flag Football belts

Kites

Nets

T-ball set w/wiffle balls

**2024 First Lutheran Church Initiatives:**

Growing Young and Debt Reduction

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



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505 W Holdt St,  
Battle Lake, MN 56515



**\*Scan the QR Code to donate now!**

\*Direct Giving - <https://blfirstlutheran.org/simple-giving>

**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 04/28: \$2,210.00

Designated funds received (non-Budget \$): \$924.57

Direct deposits for April: \$4,050.06 (designated & General)

Thank you for the generous \$20,000 gift towards the debt reduction

**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.

**Events Upcoming**

May 5th—Blood Pressure clinic during fellowship (Today)

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

May 17th & 18th—Synod Assembly

May 19th—Matthew House Adult Forum

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!

### How Great is Our God

The song first took form in Tomlin's heart and mind as he meditated on scripture. "I remember sitting on my sofa in my little apartment. And Psalm 104 was the psalm I was looking at. It said, 'You, our Lord, are very great.'

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

This is a short hymn about baptism and Christian unity in diversity. It is sometimes described as a foundational Lutheran hymn, and is based on an original work written by Danish poet and clergyman, Thomas Hansen Kingo in 1524.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

"Jesu, Jesu" is Colvin's most popular hymn. The melody is adapted from a Ghanaian folk song he heard during his years of service in that country. The tune name "CHEREPONI" comes from a town in northern Ghana, where the hymn was written.

Jesus Love Me

"Jesus Loves Me" is a Christian hymn written by Anna Bartlett Warner (1827–1915). The lyrics first appeared as a poem in the context of an 1860 novel called "Say and Seal", written by her older sister Susan Warner (1819–1885), in which the words were spoken as a comforting poem to a dying child.



Thanks for all that have contributed to our WAFL snacks over the school year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Last day of WAFL is May 15th.

Our quilters are looking for more thread. If you have any and are willing to donate please bring and they can be left in the office or the quilting room. Threads especially needed are pink, white and blues.



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



### Weekly Calendar

#### 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 Blood Pressure Clinic
- 11:00 am Altar Guild Meeting

#### Monday, May 6th

- 9:00 am Quilters
- 11:00 am Leone Wilson Funeral
- 1:00 pm WELCA Board
- 2:00 pm Finance
- Open Youth Room

#### Tuesday, May 7th

- 1 pm WELCA Study Leaders
- 2 pm Song Selection
- 3 pm Worship & Music

#### Wednesday, May 8th

- 9:30 am Mary Circle
- 3:15 pm WAFL
- 5:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:30 pm NA@ Sr. Ctr.

#### Thursday, May 9th

- 8:00 am TOPS
- 9 am to noon Mahjong

#### Friday, May 10th

- 8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon @ Sr. Ctr.

#### Sunday, May 12th

- 9:00 am Eggo
- 9:00 am Chosen
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship

**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 28th—102 Facebook and Youtube—72**

Noisy offering for the Month of May will be going to help fund the FLC Day Camp for snacks and supplies needed. Thank you for your generous contributions!



### Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Worship 10 AM

Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Organist: Gail Malmgren Nelson

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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.