

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

Prelude/Chimes "To God Be the Glory" Edward Broughton

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "Now the Green Blade Rises" ELW# 379

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Bell Choir "Lead Me Lord" by Samuel Sebastian Wesley
 "Pleading Savior" by Kiyo Watanbe

Psalm: Psalm 16

Faith Formation Slides

First Lesson: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Children's Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

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Hymn of the Day "Shout to the Lord" Video Darlene Zschech

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Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering "Aria Tranquillo" Antonio Vivaldi

Offering Hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Vs. 1 ELW# 686

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives" vs. 1, 3 & 4 ELW# 380

Chimes and Postlude "Allegro Vivace" George F. Handel

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April 12, 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Acceptance

This week, we will be Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Acceptance. Acceptance is referred to as the act of embracing or agreeing to something without attempting to change it. In addition to being received or accepted into a group.

Benefits: It helps individuals acknowledge feelings and experiences without judgment, leading to reduced anxiety, depression, and stress, and improved emotional well-being.

Importance: It provides us with a way to meet life's challenges with resilience and equanimity. It allows us to adapt and reduce suffering.

Examples are:

1. Acknowledging reality as it is.
2. Letting go of trying to control the uncontrollable
3. Making peace with circumstances
4. Allowing emotions to flow through us
5. Focusing energy on changing what we can.
6. Knowing acceptance takes courage.
7. Understanding acceptance unfolds gradually.

Spiritually: Acceptance is a spiritual practice that allows us to flow with the highs and lows of life. It means letting go and letting God by accepting the things we cannot change and having the courage to change the things we can.

Bible Verses: *In every nation, he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. Acts 10:35*

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7

How to Practice 52 Spiritual Principles by Stanley Scott Jr.

Mary Jane, Sandy, Patricia, Michelle, Suzann, Kathleen, Daryl, Sheri, Sean, Cheri, Gerry, Cathy, Karen, Jeff, Harold, Jan, Jeremiah, Anne, Jim, Keith, Joyce, Linda, Justin, Doug, Ray, Bev, Chris, Delores, Shari, Boston, Lynn, Rob, Vera, and Cherie.



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- *In person – drop in offering plate
- *QR code



- *Mail a check – Send it to:
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- *Use your banks "bill pay" option

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

Your offerings support our Building, Pastor, Staff and our valuable ministries to the community.

2026 March giving \$ 23,445.86

(Needed for the month of February \$27,758)

Events Upcoming

April 12th — "Who's Driving the Bus?" Andrea Theatre @ First (2 pm)

April 17th — FLY Murder Mystery Dinner (Murder at the Disco)

April 18th — Lion's Pancake feed Choir fundraiser @ First

April 26th — Movie Night — "Angels in the Outfield"

April 23rd — Danish Bread Pastry (AOTL)

April 24th — Ducks Unlimited Banquet

May 2nd — Church Cleaning Day/Playground construction

May 17th — Movie Night — "The Hoppers"

May 22nd — FLY End of School Party

May 23rd — Madison Molter Graduation Reception

How do we apply it to our daily lives?

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 "Acts of the Apostles" is the history of the early church. However, some people think the title "Acts of God" is a better name – as the Holy Spirit plays a prominent role in Acts. Can you tell when a human versus God is acting in your life?

Psalm 16 We enjoy the benefits of living in companionship with God. How would you describe your relationship with God?

1 Peter 1:3-9 Amid difficult circumstances and suffering, Jesus' actions provides us hope. How often to you think about the hope Jesus brings us?

John 20:19-31 We were not alive when Jesus was physically present on earth. Does that make your faith harder?

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 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!

Now the Green Blade Rises

"Now the Green Blade Riseth" is a 20th-century Easter hymn written by English Anglican priest John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958) around 1928. It uniquely pairs the Resurrection of Jesus with the imagery of spring planting, using the traditional 15th-century French carol tune "Noël Nouvelet". The lyrics focus on "Love" (Jesus) rising again, much like a grain of wheat in the earth.

Shout to the Lord

"Shout to the Lord," written by Darlene Zschech in 1993, was born out of a personal time of depression and financial struggle, created in just 20 minutes at her piano while meditating on Psalm 96. Originally hesitant to share the intimate song, it became a global worship anthem for [Hillsong Church] and is now sung by millions worldwide.

Hallelujah, Jesus Lives

"Hallelujah Jesus Lives" often refers to modern praise songs (like "Raise a Hallelujah" or "Because He Lives") celebrating the resurrection. These songs focus on victorious praise, stemming from Christian traditions celebrating Jesus' victory over death, distinct from Leonard Cohen's secular/spiritual song of the same name.

Pastor Lynn is considering a summer sermon series again this year. What topics are of interest?



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First Lutheran Church of Battle Lake

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 12th

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship
- 2:00 p.m. Andrea Theatre "Who's Driving the Bus"

Monday, April 13th

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters
- 12:00 p.m. OE
- 2:30 p.m. Finance

Tuesday, April 14th

- 9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation
- 6:30 p.m. Council

Wednesday, April 15th

- 3:15 p.m. WAFL
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7-9 p.m. Youth
- 7:30 p.m. NA 12 Step at Senior Center

Thursday, April 16th

- 8:00 a.m. TOPS

Friday, April 17th

- 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center
- 7-10 p.m. Fly Murder Mystery

Saturday, April 18th

- 9:00 a.m. Lions Host Pancake feed fundraiser for choir trip
- 10:00 a.m. Lake Ave. Apt. communion

Sunday, April 19th

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Circle

The next potluck is Sunday, April 26th. Let the office or Pastor Lynn

know if interested in joining. All are welcome!

Attendance for Thursday, April 2nd — 39

Sunday, April 5th — 8 am — 52 10 am — 133

Facebook and Youtube — 381

Noisy Offerings

April — First Lutheran Camp

May — Faith Haven (Supplies)

June — Faith Haven Scholarships

July — People's Church

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



April 12th, 2026

Worship: 10 AM

Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Accompanist: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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