

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 "Christ the Lord is Risen" Roger C. Wilson

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "The King of Love the Shepherd Is" vs. 1-3 ELW# 502

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Psalm 23

First Reading Acts 4: 5-12

Second Reading 1John 3: 16-24

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel John 10:11-18

Children's Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

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Hymn of the Day "He Leadeth Me" TFF 151

Creed

Special Music "The Good Shepherd" Tommy Walker

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Offering "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Stewart Landon

Offering "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

First Communion

Lord's Prayer

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Sending Hymn "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" ELW# 742

Dismissal

Postlude " Postlude on " Conqueror" Allen James

4th Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."

- JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

How Do We Apply it in Our Daily Lives

Psalm 23: This famous psalm lists the ways God provides for us – leading, rest, refreshment, security, discipline, guidance, etc. Do you feel provided for by God?

Acts 4:5-12: Like Peter you are filled with the Holy Spirit. Do you rely on the Holy Spirit? If not, why?

1 John 3:16-24: Scripture tells us to "give up our lives for our brothers and sisters". It does not mean that you literally die for them (but it can). It means sharing what you have with others – money, possessions, talents, and time. We are not meant to live in isolation but as a community helping each other.

John 10:11-18: Jesus describes himself as a shepherd – willing to fight for his sheep. We are Jesus' sheep. Do you let Jesus shepherd you?

Summer Camp Wish List: Storage Cubbies

- Indoors:**
 Magna Tiles
 Playdoh & accessories
 Kitchen set & play food
 Hotwheels cars & trucks
 Large Cardboard boxes



- Outside:**
Balls (footballs, soccer, kickball)
 Slip n slides
 Water guns & Sprinklers
 Scooters (2 & 3 wheel)
 Flag Football belts
 Kites
 Nets

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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: \$13,559.79



Designated funds received (non-Budget \$): \$1,841.00

THANK YOU!

Welcome to our WAFL versus Congregation challenge

We are challenging our congregation to see if you can beat these kids in walking their 1,737 miles from here to Disney World in Florida. Ok Kids and congregation arrived at Disney World and are heading to Legoland in California. 2,583 miles to Legoland.
As of 4/17 Congregation—1995.5 miles on the way to Lego Land
WAFL— 2305.5 miles on the way to Legoland

Events Upcoming

- April 26th—Holy Hops at Missi's house—6 pm — 403 West Main St.
- 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

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!

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of Love My Shepherd Is is an 1868 hymn with lyrics written by Henry Williams Baker, based on the Welsh version of Psalm 23 and the work of Edmund Prys. It is sung to four different melodies: Dominus Regit Me, the traditional Irish tune St. Columba, "Ich dank' dir schon" by Michael Praetorius, and Remsen, the Welsh original. Henry Baker's last words were reportedly lyrics from this hymn. In 1997, the hymn was sung at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

He Leadeth Me

"He Leadeth Me" by American Joseph Gilmore (1834-1918) was birthed out of a particular struggle in American history. This hymn was composed in 1862 during the Civil War, a time of upheaval and insecurity. The author was preaching at First Baptist Church in Philadelphia soon after his ordination.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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.

The Good Shepherd

This song is part of the Book of John in Song project and features my daughter, Eileen Walker. It is written from chapter 10 and highlights the beautiful truth that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, ever leading us and calling us by name.

Congratulations to our First Communion students:

Leona Ripple

Maicie Tandberg

Keylan Tandberg

Elizabeth (Izzy) Evans



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 21st

- 9:00 am Eggo
- 9:00 am Chosen
- 10:00 am Worship/First Communion
- 11:00 am Coffee/Fellowship
- 6:30 pm Evening Circle

Monday, April 22nd

- 9:00 am Quilters
- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- Open Youth Room

Wednesday, April 24th

- 10:00 am Good Sam Communion
- 3:15 pm WAFL
- 5:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:30 pm NA@ Sr. Ctr.

Thursday, April 25th

- 8:00 am TOPS

Friday, April 26th

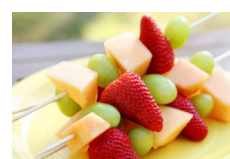
- 6:00 pm Holy Hops @ Missi and Jess home
- 8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon @ Sr. Ctr.

Sunday, April 28th

- 9:00 am Eggo
- 9:00 am Chosen
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 11:15 am Debt Reduction Forum

The Next New Member is Sunday, April 28th. Let the office or Pastor Lynn know if interested in joining. All are welcome! Potluck for fellowship!! Attendance for Sunday, April 14h —78 Facebook and Youtube—93

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.



Healthy WAFL snacks and juices are always needed and appreciated.

Thanks for all your contributions.



April 21, 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