

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

Service of Word and Prayer

Prelude/Chimes		
Welcome and Announcements		
Gathering Hymn	“Morning Has Broken”	ELW# 556
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		
Martin Luther on the 10 Commandments		
“That Man a Godly Life Might Live” vs 1-4	spoken	ELW# 287
Psalm:	Psalm 119: 73-80	
First Reading:	Deuteronomy 5: 1-22	
Gospel Acclamation		
Gospel:	Matthew 11: 25-30	
Children’s Sermon		Missi Abfalter
Sermon	“Martin Luther on the 10 Commandments”	Jeri Wilmore
Hymn of the Day	“When Peace Like a River”	ELW# 785
Martin Luther on the 10 Commandments		
“That Man a Godly Life Might Live” vs 5-8	spoken	ELW# 287
Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors		
Offering		
Offering Hymn	“We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1 & 2	ELW# 686
Words of Institution		
Lord’s Prayer		
Communion		
“Martin Luther on the 10 Commandments		
“That Man a Godly Life Might Live” vs 9-12	spoken	ELW# 287
Blessing		
Sending Song	“God Is On The Move”	7eventh Time Down
Dismissal		

Mary Jane, Sandy, Patricia, Michelle, Suzann, Deryl, Kathleen, Daryl, Sheri, Sean, Cheri, Gerry, Cathy, Karen, Darrell, Jeff, Harold, Jan, Dick, Jeremiah, Anne, Jim, Adriel, Keith, Joyce, Rob, Jo, Beth, Linda, Justin, and Cherie.



August 24, 2025

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” LUKE 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly stand-ards. When God asks you, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

Morning Has Broken

"Morning Has Broken" is a hymn with roots in a Scottish Gaelic melody and lyrics by Eleanor Farjeon. It gained widespread popularity through Cat Stevens' 1971 re-cording, which featured a memorable piano arrangement by Rick Wakeman. The song's lyrics, inspired by the beauty of dawn and the feeling of gratitude, are a celebration of new beginnings and the wonder of creation, drawing on themes from the Genesis creation story.

When Peace Like a River

The phrase "peace like a river" appears in the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" and also in an African-American spiritual with the same title. The hymn, written by Horatio Spafford, gained prominence after a tragic shipwreck where he lost his daughters. The spiritual, while its exact origin is unknown, uses water imagery to describe the qualities of peace, joy, and love.

God Is On The Move

The song "God Is On The Move" by 7eventh Time Down, released in 2015, is a song about rejoicing in the everyday things and the small steps God takes with us. The song's history is rooted in the band's experiences on a missions trip, where they felt God's presence in a powerful way, and the inspiration came from seeing God's work in the lives of others, both big and small. The song celebrates the everyday victories and the journey of faith, rather than focusing solely on big, dramatic moments.

Annual meeting September 28th following service. All committees need to turn in reports including the financial reports. Please have them to the office by September 7th at the latest. Thanks all!

Noisy Offerings

August — Sunshine for Everyone	September — Love Inc.
October — Humane Society	November — Matthew House

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

Money is an important tool in our ministry!

Thank You!

Every penny helps do God’s work and live out our Mission of Sharing Hope In Christ!!

2025 August giving through August 21st: \$18,999.96

(Need \$31,435 a month)

Playground installation — Matching funds up to \$20,000.00 !!!

Events Upcoming

August 24th — Sermon Topic — Martin Luther on the 10 Commandments.

August 31st — Sermon topic — Desire & Consequences

September 7th — Sermon Topic — Good Samaritan & the 10 Commandments

September 8th — Quilters start

September 10th — WAFL & Confirmation starts

September 14th — 9-9:45 am Sunday School for ages 3 through 6th grade (will be once a month)

September 14th — Sermon topic -The Prodigal Son & the 10 Com-mandments

September 14th — FLY (First Lutheran Youth) Bowling @ Shoreline

September 19th and 20th — WELCA state conference in Alexandria

September 21st — Creation Sunday

September 21st—Ross Hagemeister fishing guide forum

September 25th — 2ormoreFellowship @ Shoreline (Power & Humility)

September 27th —542 Taste Toasts Traditions here

September 28th —Annual Meeting

October 10th — FLY to Grandpa’s Arcade

October 11th— Fall Festival

October 13th — Blood Drive

October 23rd — 2ormoreFellowship @ Boathouse (Resistance & Acceptance)

Welcome!

We gather together to worship; hearing God's Word, experiencing God's grace in baptism and communion and loving our neighbor. 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!

How do we apply these to our daily life

Deut 5:1-22 The 10 Commandments are short yet complex in their application. What is the hardest commandment for you to follow?

Psalms 119: 73-80 God loves you. Do you let God's unfailing love comfort you?

Matthew 11: 25-30 Applying Jesus' teaching results in rest for our souls. Does your soul feel rested?

Fall Festival — October 11th — 9 am to 1:30 pm

Our annual Fall Festival is approaching faster than we think. It seems like summer just arrived and we are planning for a fall event. You can start looking through your jewelry to donate (watch for a box outside the office), sorting out your books, and planning how you can help. We need bakers, kitchen helpers, lunch assistants, cashiers, and just people to bring around coffee. It is a fun day and easier with more people helping.

Contact Ann at 218-862-5066 to see how you can help. More information to follow later.



Look for the plastic bag drop off

in the front entry way.

Clean bags only.

CONGREGATIONAL VOICES — September 21st

“What could we do with the library?”

Only light fiction is being checked out and the space is being used mostly for meetings.

TEXT SUNDAY — September 21st

“What is your favorite part of Creation?”

Text answers to Pastor Lynn cell phone — 218-298-0396

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 24th

10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, August 25th

Missi & Pastor Lynn Out

Tuesday, August 26th

Teacher's Breakfast @ Eagle Lake

Missi & Pastor Lynn Out

Wednesday, August 27th

10:00 am Good Sam Communion

Battle Lake School open house

7:30 pm NA@ Sr. Ctr.

Missi & Pastor Lynn Out

Thursday, August 28th

8:00 am TOPS

Missi Out

Friday, August 29th

8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center

Missi Out

Sunday, August 31st

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship/Potluck

The Next Potluck is Sunday, August 31st
Interested in joining? Let Pastor Lynn or the office know!
Attendance for Sunday, August 17th — 10 am — 81
Facebook and Youtube — 313

Thank you for your continued support Sustaining Our Ministry.



Offering Options:

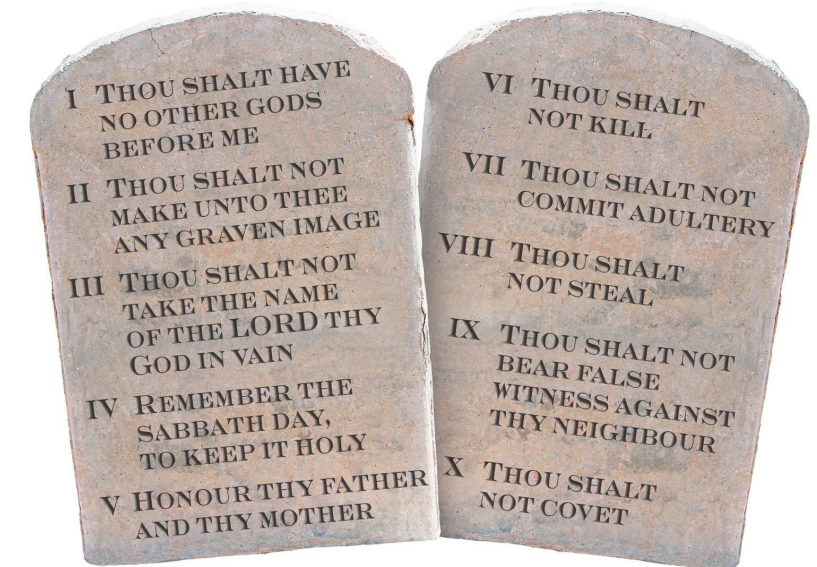
In person – drop in offering plate

Mail a check – Send it to: 505 W Holdt St,
Battle Lake, MN 56515

Use your banks “bill pay” option

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

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Sunday, August 24th, 2025

Worship, 10 AM

Presiding — Jeri Wilmore

Accompanist: Cindy Peterson

Song Leader: Kathy Neese

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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