

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 "Morning in the Garden" Lani Smith

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" ELW# 325

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Men's Choir

Psalm: Psalm 32

First Lesson: Romans 5: 12-19

Second Reading: Matthew 13: 31-32

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Children's Sermon Missi Abfalter

Sermon Jeri Wilmore

Hymn of the Day "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering "Jesus, By Thy Dear Wounds" J. S. Bach

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

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Blessing

Sending Song "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW# 504

Chimes and Postlude " Song of Exultation" James Southbridge

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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February 22, 2026 1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Kindness this week

Kindness refers to the quality of being, generous, considerate, and friendly.

The benefit of Kindness is that it elevates one's sense of self-assurance, and brings happiness and positivity. As well as inspire others to repeat what they have witnessed creating a more cohesive community.

The Importance of Kindness is that it creates a more joyful and harmonious world for everyone. It teaches positive behavior and is a way of reducing stress levels.

Examples of acts of Kindness:

1. Surprise someone by buying them a cup of coffee.
2. Send a heartfelt text message to a friend, expressing how much they mean to you.
3. Brighten someone's day by paying for the order of the person behind you.
4. Spread positivity by leaving a cheerful note.
5. Show thoughtfulness by writing a handwritten letter to a family member.
6. Surprise a friend with a delightful set of flowers.
7. Extend a helping hand by offering to pick up groceries for an elderly person.

The Spiritual aspect brings a sense of freedom and liberation. When you embrace kindness within your heart, it brings inner peace and a recognition that everything is connected to God. Without passing judgment, you learn to accept all things and approach others with a gentle understanding perspective, filled with empathy for everyone you encounter.

Here are a few bible verses that help remind us of Kindness:

1. Ephesians 4: 32—"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you."
2. Colossians 3: 12—"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothes yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."

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, De-
lores, Shari, Boston, Sara, Rezin, Charlette, Lynn, Rob, and Cherie. 

Offering Options:

*In person – drop in offering plate

*QR code

*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/simply-giving>
and we have this QR code that can be used also.

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

2026 February through February 19th giving \$ 19,288.71

(Needed \$27,657 for the month of January)

Events Upcoming

February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th— Lenten Services with Soup Suppers —There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex for all to be able to provide where they can.

February 26th — Plastic People showing at the school

March 3rd — Blood Drive

March 20th — Escape Room Challenge

March 22nd — Creation Worship

March 29th — Palm Sunday

Pastor Lynn out February 2 — March 21st for surgical recovery

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much Cindy for all your work on putting together the men and women's choirs. It was such a joy to be able to all sing together and show our love in Christ through music.



We look forward to doing more!!

