

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 "With Trumpets and Horns" George F. Handel

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "Rise, Shine, You People" vs. 1, 2, & 4 ELW# 665

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Psalm: Psalm 112: 1-10

First Lesson: Isaiah 58: 1-12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-20

Children's Sermon Pastor Mark Olson

Sermon Pastor Mark Olson

Hymn of the Day "This Little Light of Mine" ELW# 677

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Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering "Welcome, Happy Morning" Edward G. Mead

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

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song "Give Me Oil In My Lamp" Video

Chimes and Postlude "Postlude in F Minor" George Blake

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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5th Sunday after Epiphany

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Faith this week.

Faith refers to full confidence or trust in someone or something. Profound faith in God or firm belief in God or firm belief in the teachings of a religion.

Faith can provide a range of Benefits, including:

- A sense of peace, purpose, and direction.
- Belonging and support in Faith-based communities.
- Assist with stress management.
- Greater Resilience
- Trust in your Morals
- Helps in Maintaining Mental Health

The importance of Faith is that it shapes our identity, our existence, our principles, our aspirations, and our dreams. It serves as serenity and acts as the anchor in our life.

Faith can be exemplified through actions such as:

Acting in good faith, Praying, Serving, Saving, Reading, Trusting, Seeking, Obeying God, and Expressing gratitude.

The Spiritual aspect of Faith is a connection to a higher power, providing purpose, comfort, and moral guidance. It's trusting in God, fostering peace and fulfillment. Additionally, it motivates practices like prayer and meditation, promoting compassion, patience, and mental and emotional well-being.

These Bible verses refer to what Faith does for us: "Faith brings all the benefits of salvation into our lives" (Ephesians 2: 8,9) and "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1)

Mary Jane, Sandy, Patricia, Michelle, Suzann, Kathleen, Daryl, Sheri, Sean, Cheri, Gerry, Cathy, Karen, Darrell, Jeff, Harold, Jan, Jeremiah, Anne, Jim, Keith, Joyce, Linda, Justin, Doug, Ray, Bev, Chris, Delores, Shari, Boston, Sara, Rezin, Sharlette, 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/simple-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 January giving \$43,618.34
Thank you for a great start to the new year!!

(Needed \$32,257 for the month of December)

Events Upcoming

February 11th — WAFL Valentine dinner

February 18th — Ash Wednesday

February 21st — FLY to Andes

February 21st — Game Day — for all ages

February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th— Lenten Services with Soup Suppers

March 3rd — Blood Drive March 20th — Escape Room Challenge

March 29th — Palm Sunday

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

Welcome all Tenors and Basses!!



Join us in the month of January and February to learn one song for worship on Feb. 22nd. 45 minute practices on Wednesdays starting January 28th at 6:15 pm. and 9 am on Sundays starting February 1st. Sound files for vocal parts will be texted and/or emailed to you. Contact Cindy Peterson 701-840-0708. Copies of the songs will be available in your church office and at the First Lutheran Church Office in Battle Lake. Invite other men that you know that enjoy singing from the community. It is understood you will not be at every practice. We will be singing at multiple churches.

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!

Rise, Shine, You People

"Rise, Shine, You People!" is a 20th-century Christian hymn written by Ronald Klug in 1973-1974 for Augsburg Publishing House. Inspired by Isaiah 60:1 and designed for the Epiphany season, the hymn celebrates Christ's entry into human history and calls for mission-focused praise.

This Little Light of Mine

"This Little Light of Mine" began as a 1920s children's gospel song, possibly by Harry Dixon Loes, but gained widespread fame as a powerful anthem during the 1950s and 1960s Civil Rights Movement, used by activists like Fannie Lou Hamer to express hope, unity, and defiance against racism, evolving from its simple Sunday school roots into a potent freedom song.

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

"Give Me Oil in My Lamp" (also known as "Sing Hosanna") is a popular 20th-century Christian hymn based on the Parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25:1–13. It is a prayer for spiritual readiness, asking God for "oil" (representing the Holy Spirit/faith) to keep one's lamp burning while awaiting the return of the Bridegroom.



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First Lutheran Church of Battle Lake

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 8th

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion/ With Pastor Mark Olson
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship/ an opportunity to find out more about Pastor Olson's mission with White Earth Lutheran/Episcopal Ministry

Monday, February 9th

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

Tuesday, February 10th

- 9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 4:00 p.m. Bell Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation
- 6:30 p.m. Council

Wednesday, February 11th

- 9:30 a.m. Mary Circle
- 3:15 p.m. WAFL
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 5:30 p.m. Valentine's Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Men's practice
- 7-9 p.m. Youth
- 7:30 p.m. NA 12 Step at Senior Center

Thursday, February 12th

- 8:00 a.m. TOPS

Friday, February 13th

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

Saturday, February 14th

Valentines Day

Sunday, February 15th

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship



Our next potluck is February 22nd. Anyone interested in joining our congregation, please contact the office. All are welcome.
Attendance February 1st— 59 Facebook and Youtube — 487

Noisy Offering

- January — Mission Jamaica
- February — Living Hope Camp
- March — B. L. Food Shelf

For Lent this year, we will be watching "The Passion of Christ" — 30 minutes per service with 15 minutes of discussion. Warning: This is a violent, realistic depiction and may not be for everyone. Alternative movie will be offered.



February 8th, 2026

Worship: 10 AM

Pastor : Lynn Melchior

Accompanist: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

Lenten Services:

February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

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