

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 "Theme from Toccata" Charles M. Widor

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "For All the Faithful Women" Vs. 1, 2, 4, 6, & Last ELW# 419

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Faith Formation Slides

Psalm Psalm 34: 4-7, 17-20

Special Music "Where You Go, I Will Go" (Ruth's Song) Video

First Lesson: Genesis 16: 1-16

Second Reading: Genesis 21: 8-20

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Children's Sermon Missi Abfalter

Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior (Read by Buddy Kohlmeier)

Hymn of the Day "When Peace Like a River" ELW# 785

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Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering "Prelude and Fugue" Jan Bender

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

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song "I Will Call Upon the Lord" by the Cedarmont Kids

Chimes and Postlude "Postlude in C Minor" John Troutman

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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June 14, 2026

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

MATTHEW 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second - invite the Lord into your heart.

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Love

This week, our focus will be on Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Love. Love can be defined as an intense feeling of deep affection, encompassing a great interest and pleasure in something, as well as the act of liking, holding dear, cherishing or deeply enjoying something or someone.

The Benefits of Love include decreased stress, anxiety, and depression. Having someone to support you through life's journey, especially during tougher situations, helps you cope and feel more secure. Additionally, love leads to being more physically active, living a longer life and practicing better self-care.

The importance of Love is that it creates and sustains human relations with both dignity and depth, allowing individuals to show kindness, care, and understanding. Beyond that, love forms the foundation for believing in equality and cultivating goodwill toward all.

Examples of Love: 1. Words of affirmation, 2. Acts of service, 3. Giving/receiving, 4. Quality time, 5. Physical touch.

Types of Love: 1. Philia—Affectionate Love, 2. Pragma—Enduring Love, 3. Storge—Familiar Love, 4. Eros—Romantic Love, 5. Ludus—Playful Love, 6. Mania—Obsessive, 7. Philautia—Self-Compassion, 8. Agape—Selfless Love.

Spiritually love transcends the physical and emotional, to reach a state of deep connection and spiritual union. It goes beyond superficial lust and instead revolves around respect and a deep understanding of one another. Furthermore, it encompasses the connection to God, the self, the soul, and even the wonders of nature.

Bible verses that speak about Love:

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 (NIV): "Love is patient, Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres"

Matthew 22: 37-39 (NIV): "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and will all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

How to Practice 52 Spiritual Principles by Stanley Scott Jr.

The WELCA Rummage sale

will be 6/19 from 1p-7p & 6/20 from 8a-12p.

They will be accepting donations of sporting goods, tools, kids toys, accessories, housewares items, linens, jewelry, books, puzzles, and small furniture items.

Donations will be accepted on the following dates and times:

6/14 11:30a-3p; 6/15 4p-7p; 6/16 4p-7p

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



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

2026 June giving through 6/10 \$ 6,709.24

(Needed for the month of May \$ 25,566)

Events Upcoming

- June 17th - Car Wash and Lemonade Stand (earned \$200+ last time)
June 19th & 20th - Rummage sale (check dates and times for drop off)
June 21st - T-Shirt Bar (t-shirts made to your order)
June 26th - Music Bingo
July 1st - Car Wash and Lemonade Stand
July 3rd - Meet and Eat
July - Art of the Lakes summer student art classes
July 24th - Music Bingo
July 25th - Wenonga Days

The YMCA Food Truck will be returning for the summer. Any children 18 years old and younger are eligible for free weekly food. Each bag contains food for 7 days worth of breakfast, lunches and snacks. The YMCA truck will be here on Mondays from 10:30 am-11 am



Mission Jamaica brings hope to communities across Jamaica by sharing supplies, skills, and medical expertise during several mission trips each year.

Mission Jamaica trips combine a week-long service project with time for spiritual reflection and rest. Those serving experience an international mission field close to home while immersed in another culture. You'll love and serve your neighbor, as Jesus taught through His example. First Lutheran will be attending Mission Jamaica in 2027 from January 30 to Feb 6th. Interested in attending? Connect with Pastor Lynn or Jim Gronbeck!



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!

For All The Faithful Women

The first version of this text was written in 1975 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America. Although that was the occasion for the hymn, it is not the subject of the hymn. Rather, the hymn identifies and gives thanks for a wide range of biblical women. A six-stanza version was published in the author's 1993 collection, but that was greatly expanded to a twelve-stanza version in a 1998 hymnal supplement published for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. From this wealth of material the present text has been assembled.

When Peace Like A River (It Is Well)

The famous hymn "When Peace Like a River" (widely known as "It Is Well with My Soul") was written by Chicago lawyer Horatio Spafford in 1873. It was penned in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean while his ship passed the exact spot where his four young daughters had tragically drowned just days prior.

I Will Call Upon The Lord

The popular praise chorus "I Will Call Upon the Lord" was written in 1981 by Michael O'Shields, a traveling Bible teacher in West Texas and Oklahoma. The lyrics are a direct adaptation of Psalm 18:3, a passage O'Shields clung to while struggling financially.

Where You Go, I Will Go

"Where you go I will go" is adapted from Ruth 1:16 in the Hebrew Bible. The lyrics originate from a promise of fierce loyalty made by Ruth to her mother-in-law, Naomi, and have since evolved into a famous symbol of sacrificial love, community, and human solidarity.

Non-denominational Prayer and Testimonies Service, every Wednesday in the chapel at First Lutheran Church. Light meal with service following. For questions, call Bret at 503-327-9599.



Flower on altar are given by Gail Malmgren Nelson in memory of her mom, Jean Malmgren, whose 102nd birthday would have been on June 10th.

Also flowers are from the funeral of Gerry Nelson.

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



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 14th

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, June 15th

FLCamp
10:30 a.m. YMCA Food Truck
Newsletter articles due

Tuesday, June 16th

FLCamp
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th

FLCamp
2-4 p.m. Summer Confirmation
2-4 p.m. Car Wash & Lemonade Stand
6:00 p.m. Non-denomination Prayer & Testimonies Service in Chapel
7:30 p.m. NA @Sr. Ctr.

Thursday, June 18th

No FLCamp
1:00 a.m. Cemetery Board Meeting
8:00 a.m. TOPS

Friday, June 19th

1 pm—7pm WELCA Rummage Sale
7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center

Saturday, June 20th

10:00 a.m. Lake Ave. Apt. Communion
8 am—12 pm WELCA Rummage Sale

Sunday, June 21st

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship
T-Shirt Bar

The next potluck is Sunday, June 28th. Let the office or Pastor Lynn know if interested in joining. All are welcome!

Sunday, June 7th— 99 Facebook and Youtube service —278

Facebook playground blessing — 505 :)

Noisy Offerings

June — Faith Haven Scholarships
July — People's Church August — Veterans Honor Flight

How do we apply it to our daily lives?

Genesis 16:1-16 Hagar, through circumstances outside of her control, enjoys a reversal of fortune. But it does not end well for Hagar. Has this ever happened to you?

Psalms 34:4-7, 17-20 God hears us in every situation. When have you felt heard by God?

Genesis 21:8-20 Sometimes the most loving thing you can do is walk away from a situation. How easy is it to recognize when it is time to walk away?

Matthew 15:21-18 A feisty woman challenged status quo. When have you challenged status quo?



June 14th , 2026

Worship: 10 AM

Presiding: Jeri Wilmore

Musicians: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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June Sermon Series — Women of the Bible
July Sermon Series — The Book of Acts of Apostles
August Sermon Series — TBD