

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

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "For All the Faithful Women" Vs. 1, 9, 10, 11 & Last ELW# 419

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Psalm Psalm 4: 1-8

First Lesson: Romans 16: 1-7

Second Reading: Luke 10: 1-6

Gospel: John 20: 11-18

Children's Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

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Hymn of the Day "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (x3) ELW# 752

Confession of Faith and Failings

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering

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

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Blessing

Sending Song "Hallelujah, We Sing Our Praises" ELW# 535

Chimes and Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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June 28, 2026

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Positive Thinking

This week, our focus will be on Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Positive Thinking. Positive Thinking can be described as expecting the best outcomes, not the worst. It begins with enthusiastic self-talk, cheerfulness, and having a positive perspective on things in life.

Positive Thinking has many benefits, such as improved problem-solving skills, enhanced adapt to change, and a stronger immune system.

Positive Thinking is important for your overall well-being, as it improves both your physical and mental health. It enhances your perspective on life, enables you to handle stress more effectively, and reduces the likelihood of getting sick.

Examples of Positive Thinking are:

- 1. Being happy for others' success
2. Having a positive attitude
3. Visualizing a positive future
4. Finding balance in life and relationships
5, Inspiring others during tough times
6. Being grateful for what you have experienced
7. Finding the silver lining in challenges and setbacks
8. Meditating on patience and determination
9. Giving out positive energy and maintaining optimism
10. Complimenting others to boost their happiness
11. Spreading happiness through small acts of kindness
12. Wishing happiness for everyone.

Spiritually, Positive Thinking is more than just mental thoughts; it must be felt deeply in the heart. This is the essence of prayer, where a simple thought is experienced on a heartfelt level. A positive outlook and prayer aligns both the heart and mind.

Bible Verses: Proverbs 23:7 (KJV) "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."
Philippians 4:13 (NIV) "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
Philippians 4: 8 (NIV) "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lively, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things."

How to Practice 52 Spiritual Principles by Stanley Scott Jr.

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, 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



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

2026 June giving through 6/25 \$ 20,344.05

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

Events Upcoming

June 29 — No YMCA Food Truck — back again July 6th

July 1st — Car Wash and Lemonade Stand

July 1st — High School Blood Drive

July 2nd — FLCamp field trip to God's Acre—Need drivers!

July — Art of the Lakes summer student art classes begin

July 15th — Car Wash and Lemonade Stand

July 24th — Music Bingo

July 25th — Wenonga Days

July 26th-29th — Faith Haven Camp

August 8th — Art in the Park

The YMCA Food Truck

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 at First Lutheran on Mondays from 10:30 am-11 am
73 children fed this week



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](http://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

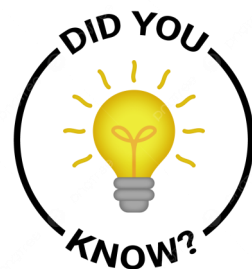
The first version of this text was written in 1975 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America. Although that was the occasion for the hymn, it is not the subject of the hymn. Rather, the hymn identifies and gives thanks for a wide range of 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.

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The beloved worship song "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" was written by Christian singer-songwriter Ken Medema in 1970 while living in Cedar Grove, New Jersey. A Spontaneous Moment: Medema was leading a church youth group when the group began discussing a young man from their community who was in the hospital and in desperate need of prayer.

### Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" is an upbeat, traditional South African hymn that blends elements of communion and commission. Originally titled "Haleluyah! Pelo tsa rona," the song emerged from the Christian church tradition in South Africa as a joyful folk melody.



.....that the August Sermon Series will be on "Bullies of the Bible"?

.....that First Lutheran Camp serves 92 snacks per day?

.....that First Lutheran Campers vacuum, wash dishes, mop the floors, water flowers, and even mow the church lawn?

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, June 28th

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

#### Monday, June 29th

FLCamp  
10:30 a.m. No YMCA Food Truck

#### Tuesday, June 30th

FLCamp

#### Wednesday, July 1st

FLCamp  
10-4 High School Blood Drive  
2-4 Car Wash and Lemonade Stand  
No Confirmation  
7:30 p.m. NA @Sr. Ctr.

#### Thursday, July 2nd

FLCamp Field trip to God's Acres

8:00 a.m. TOPS

#### Friday, July 3rd

7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center

#### Sunday, July 5th

10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion  
11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship  
11:30 a.m. Baptism



The next potluck is Sunday, July 26th. Let the office or Pastor Lynn know if interested in joining. All are welcome!

Sunday, June 21st— 74 Facebook and Youtube service —263

### Noisy Offerings

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

### How do we apply it to our daily lives?

Psalm 40:1-8 Sometimes doing God's will means waiting patiently. How do you spend your time waiting? Do you love God and serve others or simply focus on what is in front of you?

Romans 16:1-7 Paul was a big supporter of the believers who worked alongside him. How do you support other believers?

Luke 10:1-6 Working together makes a difficult task easier. Jesus knew this as he sent pairs of people out to prepare His way. Who do you work with well with .

John 20:11-18 Does it surprise you that the first disciple to see our resurrected Jesus was a woman?



June 28th, 2026

Worship: 10 AM

Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Musicians: Meghan Stringer

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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"Sharing Hope in Christ"

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