

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 "Little Prelude in G Minor" Paul Taylor

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "For All the Faithful Women" Vs. 1, 2, 3, 5, & Last ELW#419

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Money Minute

Prayer of the Day

Sermon Series Intro

First Lesson: Genesis 38: 14-26

Second Reading: Exodus 1: 8-21

Gospel: Mark 2: 1-11

Children's Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

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Hymn of the Day "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" vs. 1, 3, & 4 ELW# 310

Psalm Psalm 13

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering "St. Elizabeth" David A.. Gell

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

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Blessing

Sending Song "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW# 685

Chimes and Postlude "Echo Alleluia" Henry Purcell

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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June 7, 2026

"Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. We are called to be fed and to feed others. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Let's help each other live holy lives.

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Unity

This week, our focus will be on Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Unity. Unity can be defines as the state of being united or joined as a whole, the quality or state of oneness, and the condition of harmony embodying the concept of unity. Benefits: Unity provides individuals with a sense of serenity, as it fosters an atmosphere of calmness, comfort, and goodness.

Importance: To lead a peaceful and fulfilling life, it is important to practice Unity as it promotes teamwork, cooperation, understanding, respect, and collective action. It also creates community, shared goals, peaceful resolution, and facilitates problem-solving.

Examples of Unity

- 1. A choir singing in harmony
2. A family reunion
3. A community garden
4. A peace treaty
5. A candlelight vigil
6. A group meditation
7. A marriage ceremony
8. A potluck dinner
9. A prayer gathering

Spiritually: Unity refers to unification as all parts are in harmony. Being like-minded, maintaining the same love, uniting in spirit, and having the intent of one purpose.

Bible verses: Psalm 133:1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

1 Corinthians 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. Matthew 18: 19-20 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

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 May giving through 5/31 \$ 29,729.31

(Needed for the month of April \$26,535)

Events Upcoming

June 7th — TODAY — Playground Blessing

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Starting June 8th — YMCA Food Truck — Mondays from 10:30 to 11:00 (not the 29th)

June 9th and June 23rd — Bookmobile

June 12th & 13th — Storybook Theatre performance

June 17th — Car Wash and Lemonade Stand

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

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 starting the week of 6/8.



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.

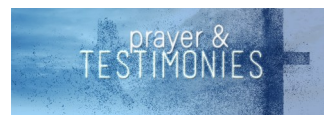
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Wordsworth, who served as the Bishop of Lincoln, designed the text to cover the themes of the sixth (and final) Sunday after Epiphany. In the Anglican liturgical calendar, this service is traditionally used to summarize the earlier weeks of the season and anticipate the ultimate return of Christ on Judgment Day.

Take My Life, That I May Be

"Take My Life and Let It Be" was written by English poet and hymnwriter Frances Ridley Havergal on February 4, 1874. Unable to sleep after successfully praying for the spiritual renewal of the ten people in her guest house, a joyful Havergal composed the lyrics as a personal prayer of devotion.

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.



Noisy Offerings

June — Faith Haven Scholarships

July — People's Church

August — Veterans Honor Flight

June Sermon Series — Women of the Bible

July Sermon Series — The Book of Acts of Apostles

August Sermon Series — TBD

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 7th

- 10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship/Playground blessing
- 2:00 p.m. Gerry Nelson Funeral with visitation 1 hour before

Monday, June 8th

- FLCamp
- 10:30 a.m. YMCA Food Truck
- 2:30 p.m. Finance committee

Tuesday, June 9th

- FLCamp
- 9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 1:45 p.m. Bookmobile
- 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation
- 6:30 p.m. Council

Wednesday, June 10th

- FLCamp
- 9:30a.m. Mary Circle
- 2-4 p.m. Summer Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Non-denomination Prayer & Testimonies Service in Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. NA @Sr. Ctr.

Thursday, June 11th

- FLCamp
- 8:00 a.m. TOPS

Friday, June 12th

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

Saturday, June 13th

- 11:00 a.m. Storybook Theatre performance

Sunday, June 14th

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

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

Sunday, May 31st — 110 Facebook and Youtube— 291

How do we apply it to our daily lives?

Genesis 38:14-26 Parts of the Bible can make us uncomfortable. Tamar's story maybe one of them. Is it hard to talk about these types of stories? If so, why?

Exodus 1:8-21 Two little known midwives refuse to follow royal edict and are forced to confront an angry Pharaoh – because their faith demands it. What does your faith demand of you?

Mark 2:1-11 The original languages of the Bible do not always translate into English very well. Going back to the original language can change your understanding of scripture - are you open to learning? Even if it challenges your traditions?

Psalms 13 We can't change history, but we can lament the bad stuff and find our own agency to improve our situations. (lament = acknowledge the situation, express our sorrow, ask God for help and trust God it will be made better). How have you trusted God and used your own agency in a difficult situation?



June 7th , 2026

Worship: 10 AM

Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Musicians: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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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