

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 "Supplication" A. Dvorak

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "Lift High the Cross" ELW# 660

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Youth Slides

Psalm: Psalm 121

First Lesson: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Second Reading: Matthew 25: 35-40

Gospel: Luke 7: 36-50

Children's Sermon Missi Abfalter

Sermon Jeri Wilmore

Hymn of the Day "For God So Loved the World" TOSB# 123

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering "The Peaceful Garden" Claude Debussy

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

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Blessing

Sending Song "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" ELW# 857

Chimes and Postlude "Festal March" James Mansfield

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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March 1, 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Unconditional Love this week

This week, we will be focusing on the Spiritual Principle of Unconditional Love.

Unconditional Love can be defined as affection and care without any limitations or conditions. It is often associated with terms like true altruism or complete love.

Practicing Unconditional Love can bring about various benefits, including emotional well-being, increased resilience, and a reduction in mental health symptoms.

The significance of Unconditional Love lies in its ability to heal and transform lives. It allows us to form deep connections and bring us closer to one another. When we learn to love without any conditions, we can experience true joy and happiness in our lives.

Here are some examples of what Unconditional Love entails:

- 1. Loving people as they are, without trying to change them.
2. Continuing to love people unconditionally regardless of the circumstances.
3. Not expecting or desiring people to change.
4. Believing in people's goodness.
5. Making sacrifices for their well-being.
6. Wanting the best for them.
7. Recognizing that unconditional love is a profound feeling that cannot be seen but only felt.

From a Spiritual perspective, Unconditional Love is a straightforward, simple, and serene emotion. It involves loving freely and accepting everyone regardless of their background or appearance. This type of love, is also known as compassionate or agape love.

The Bible also references Unconditional Love in 1John 4: 7-8, which states, "Dear friends, let's love each other because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love does not know God because God is love."

How to Practice 52 Spiritual Principles by Stanley Scott Jr.

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, Delores, Shari, Boston, Sara, Rezin, Charlette, Lynn, Rob, and Cherie.



Offering Options:

*In person – drop in offering plate

*QR code

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*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 26th giving \$ 22,248.91

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

Events Upcoming

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.

March 3rd — Blood Drive

March 20th — Escape Room Challenge

March 22nd — Creation Worship

March 29th — Palm Sunday

April 4th — Faith Haven Camp & First Lutheran Church Easter egg hunt

April 17th — FLY Murder Mystery Dinner (Murder at the Disco)

May 22nd — FLY End of School Party

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 with upcoming mixed and with WAFL kids!!!!

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!

Lift High the Cross

"Lift High the Cross" is a 19th-century English hymn written in 1887 by George Kitchin, then Dean of Winchester, originally for a festival. Inspired by the story of Constantine the Great's vision of the cross with the motto "*In hoc signo vinces*" (In this sign thou shalt conquer), it was intended to be a missionary hymn.

For God So Loved The World

"For God so loved the world" primarily refers to the enduring, unconditional love of God described in John 3:16, which has inspired multiple musical interpretations. Notable versions include Sir John Stainer's 19th-century choral anthem and the 2019 contemporary hit by *We The Kingdom*, which focuses on God's immense love for everyone, aiming to bring hope and relieve anxiety.

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" was written by Rick Founds in 1989, inspired by a devotional thought comparing the water cycle to the life of Jesus. While reading, Founds felt God highlighting the "cycle of redemption"—Jesus coming from heaven, dying on the cross, rising, and ascending—which became the song's core, simple lyrics.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be combined with Faith Haven Camp and will be held at Faith Haven this year. We are starting to collect Candy for our Easter egg hunt. Donations can be left with Missi in her office.



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First Lutheran Church of Battle Lake

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 1st

10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Movie Night

Monday, March 2nd

9:00 a.m. Quilters

12:00 p.m. OE

1:00 p.m. WELCA Bd.

Tuesday, March 3rd

Blood Drive

1:00 p.m. WELCA Study

2:00 p.m. Worship & Music

4:00 p.m. Bell Choir

Wednesday, March 4th

3:15 p.m. WAFL

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Soup Supper

6:15 p.m. Wednesday Service

7-9 p.m. Youth

7:30 p.m. NA 12 Step at Senior Center

Thursday, March 5th

8:00 a.m. TOPS

8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship

Friday, March 6th

11:00 a.m. Meet & Eat

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

Sunday, March 8th (Daylight savings)

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Our next potluck is March 29th. Anyone interested in joining our congregation, please contact the office. All are welcome.
Attendance February 22nd— 82 Facebook and Youtube — 403

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

Noisy Offering

March — B. L. Food Shelf

April — Faith Haven

May — FLCamp

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.



Second Sunday of Lent

March 1st, 2026

Worship: 10 AM

Presiding: Jeri Wilmore

Accompanist: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

Lenten Services:

March 4, 11, 18, 25

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