

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 "Praludium" Carl August Kern

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" vs. 1-3 ELW# 366

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Faith Formation Slides

Psalm Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

First Lesson: Acts 7: 55-60

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Gospel: John 14: 1-14

Children's Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

Hymn of the Day "Will You Come and Follow Me" Vs. 1,2 & 4 ELW# 798

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Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering "Italian Hymn" Lois R. Hill

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

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Blessing

Sending Song "Soon and Very Soon" ELW# 439

Chimes and Postlude "Toccata" Anthony Giamanco

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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May 3, 2026 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their gifts. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their gifts and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Hope

This week, we will be Practicing the Spiritual Principle of **Hope**.

**Hope** is defined as a feeling of expectation and desire for a specific thing to occur, it also comes with a sense of trust.

**The benefits of hope** are more happiness, less stress, better quality of life, and it keeps us going.

Examples of having **Hope** are thinking positively, considering the bigger picture, focusing on the future, finding inspiration, celebrating your achievements, practicing patience, getting involved, and openly discussing your hopes and dreams.

Spiritually, **Hope** is an optimistic state of mind and the willingness to move forward. It's also a precious gift from God to have a positive outlook on life.

A Bible verse that refers to **Hope** is: "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31, NIV).

How to Practice 52 Spiritual Principles by Stanley Scott Jr.

**Faith Haven Camp** is currently seeking hard-working, conscientious people to help at camp this summer.

**Primary duties** will include housekeeping between our guest groups. This will be approximately 12 hours per week, on Friday and Sunday afternoons. But there are times outside of those days. We do have a complete calendar of days that you are needed. **Starting wage is \$17.00 per hour.**

There will be hours available for other duties, such as lawn maintenance and extra help in the kitchen when we cook for a group.

You must be able to get to the camp for work, so having a driver's license is helpful. There will be an application to fill out, but we would like to sit down with you and share what working at Faith Haven will be like.

We are also looking for a **lifeguard** for a few groups in June and July. **Pay will be \$20 per hour.**

**Interested applicants can call Scott at 218-282-1456 or Lisa at 612-710-7567, or email us at faithhavencamp@gmail.com**

Scott and Lisa Larson (Directors)

June Sermon Series — Women of the Bible

July Sermon Series — The Book of Acts of Apostles

August Sermon Series — TBD

Offering Options:

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505 W Holdt St,  
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\*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 April giving through 4/29 \$ 18,024.59

(Needed for the month of March \$30,725)

Events Upcoming

May 8th — Purse Bingo (AOTL)

May 12th — Blood Drive

May 17th — Honor our Graduating High School Seniors

May 17th — Bike Blessing

May 17th — Baccalaureate

May 17th — Movie Night — "The Hoppers"

May 22nd — FLY End of School Party

May 25th — Memorial Day Service — 11 am @ the School

May 30th — Synod Assembly

The WAFL Art Fundraiser will still be out today, All of the items for sale were made by WAFL students or donated. Don't forget the pictures of the kids also available. All proceeds from the sale will go directly back into the WAFL program. Any and all support is greatly appreciated! If anything you would like to purchase after April, just talk to Missi. This is a great program for our youth,



### 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!

### The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" is a celebrated 17th-century Latin Easter hymn (originally *Finita iam sunt proelia*) celebrating Christ's resurrection and victory over death. The anonymous Latin text was translated into English by Francis Pott in 1861, with the familiar, jubilant tune (VICTORY) adapted from 16th-century composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina.

### Will You Come and Follow Me

"Will You Come and Follow Me," commonly known as "The Summons," is a widely beloved contemporary Christian hymn written in 1987 by Scottish Church of Scotland minister **John L. Bell**. It was created as part of the Iona Community's efforts to produce modern, relevant, and participatory worship music, frequently drawing on Celtic spirituality.

### Soon and Very Soon

Written by pioneering contemporary gospel artist **Andraé Crouch** around 1976, "Soon and Very Soon" is a joyful anthem anticipating the return of Jesus Christ, inspired by Revelation 21:3-4. It transformed traditional, fearful views of the Second Coming into a hopeful, celebratory expectation of "no more crying or dying".



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First Lutheran Church of Battle Lake

**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

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, May 3rd

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

#### Monday, May 4th

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. WELCA Board
- 5:30 p.m. Endowment

#### Tuesday, May 5th

- 1:00 p.m. WELCA Study
- 2:00 p.m. Worship and Music

#### Wednesday, May 6th

- 3:15 p.m. WAFL
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7-9 p.m. Youth
- 7:30 p.m. NA 12 Step at Senior Center

#### Thursday, May 7th

- 8:00 a.m. TOPS
- 8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship

#### Friday, May 8th

- 6:00 p.m. Purse Bingo (AOTL)
- 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center

#### Sunday, May 10th. Mother's Day

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship/Share & Care meeting

The next potluck is Sunday, May 31st. Let the office or Pastor Lynn know if interested in joining. All are welcome!

Sunday, April 26th — 87

Facebook and Youtube—319

### Noisy Offerings

- May — Faith Haven (Supplies)
- June — Faith Haven Scholarships
- July — People's Church
- August — Veterans Honor Flight

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, Lynda, Rob, Vera, Scot, and Cherie.



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

Acts 7:55-60 Martyrs can look good from a distance but we rarely want to be them. Are you ready to be a martyr for Jesus?

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 Stress easily derails us. In times of stress how do you stay dependent upon God?

1 Peter 2:2-10 You can't be a Christian without Christ. Is Jesus foundational in your life?

John 12:1-14 Jesus is our link to God salvation. Do you trust Jesus has your best interest at heart?



May 3rd, 2026

Worship: 10 AM

Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Musicians: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

### First Lutheran Church

"Sharing Hope in Christ"

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