

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

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” vs. 1, 2, & 5 ELW# 855

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Psalm Psalm 46

First Reading Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Second Reading Colossians 1: 11-20

Gospel Luke 23: 33-43

Children’s Sermon Missi Abfalter

Sermon Pastor Birgitta Simpson

Hymn of the Day “Beautiful Savior” vs. 1, 2, & 4 ELW# 838

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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 “Lift High the Cross” ELW# 660

Dismissal

Chimes and Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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November 23, 2025

“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.” COLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can’t do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

Crown Him With Many Crowns

The hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" was written by two different authors, Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring, inspired by the many crowns on Christ's head mentioned in Revelation 19:12. Bridges wrote the initial six stanzas in 1851, focusing on different aspects of Christ's majesty. Thring later added six more stanzas, and the two versions have been combined over time in various hymnals.

Beautiful Savior

The hymn "Beautiful Savior" (also known as "Fairest Lord Jesus") originated in Germany, first appearing in a 1677 Catholic hymnbook. It gained popularity as a folk song and its text was later translated into English by Joseph A. Seiss. The hymn's origins are not with the Crusaders as some legends suggest, but rather its tune, *St. Elizabeth* (or *Crusader's Hymn*), became associated with the Crusades after Franz Liszt used it for a crusader's march.

Lift High the Cross

The hymn "Lift High the Cross" was written in 1887 by George Kitchin for a missions festival, and later revised by Michael R. Newbolt in 1916. The song's inspiration is often linked to the story of Emperor Constantine's vision of the cross, which inspired him to convert to Christianity, and it serves as a hymn of spiritual victory and a call to missionary work.

153 years of Faithfulness!!

First Lutheran was founded in 1873. We have faithfully ministered for 153 years.

2026 is just around the corner. This holiday season we will be sharing HOPE as we receive the greatest gift ever from God. Commitment forms for 2026 estimate of giving available in December. Let’s continue our steadfast journey into 2026.



Your offerings support our

Building, Pastor, Staff and our valuable ministries to the community

2025 November giving through November 20 \$

(Needed \$26,548 for the month of October)



Thank you for your continued support
Sustaining Our Ministry.

Offering Options:

In person – drop in offering plate
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>

Events Upcoming

November 23rd — Flatbread class —sign up at Art of the Lakes

November 27th — Community Thanksgiving Dinner @ Church

November 27-28—Office closed

November 30th — Advent Starts

December 3rd — Blue Christmas Service

December 10th — Advent Service

December 12th — FLY — Merry Grinchmas Party

December 17th & 21st — WAFL Christmas program

December 24th— 3 pm and 5 pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25th and 26th — Office Closed

January 9th — FLY Christmas Party Lock in

January 23rd — Pasta class —sign up at Art of the Lakes

February 1st — Faith Haven Camp Annual Meeting

February 7th — Weaving class —sign up at Art of the Lakes

February 21st — Game Day — for all ages

People’s Church

We are a multicultural and indigenous ministry of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). We live out our faith by showing Creator God’s love for all people by offering shelter, hot meals, and community.

Welcome!

We gather together to worship; hearing God’s Word, experiencing God’s grace in baptism and communion and loving our neighbor. 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!

How do we apply these to our daily life

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Jeremiah contrasted the corrupt leaders of his day with the coming Messiah. Who would you choose to serve?

Psalms 46 God does not fail to rescue those who love God. How do you show your love to God?

Colossians 1:11-20 Mystery is a part of our faith. We don’t have to understand everything about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. How easy is it to accept mystery in your faith?

Luke 23:33-43 “Today you will be with me in paradise.” Is living eternally in paradise worth the effort of living your faith?

Noisy Offering

November — Matthew House and Barbara House Christmas gifts
December — God’s Global Barnyard

Our Men’s Fellowship **Christmas Food Ministry** will be assisting families experiencing hardship. In our outreach, we are partnering with the Battle Lake and Ashby schools and providing grocery gift cards for their local grocery store. We hope to assist 50 or more families. Make check payable to First Lutheran Church with memo for Christmas baskets. Thank you for your support.



Sunday School

Ages pre-K through 6th grade the second Sunday of the month from 9 am to 9:45 am. All are welcome!!



Mary Jane, Sandy, Patricia, Michelle, Suzann, Deryl, Kathleen, Daryl, Sheri, Sean, Cheri, Gerry, Cathy, Karen, Darrell, Jeff, Harold, Jan, Dick, Jeremiah, Anne, Jim, Keith, Joyce, Linda, Justin, Doug, Ray, Bev, Chris, Delores, Shari, Boston, and Cherie.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 23rd

10:00 am Worship/Communion
11:00 am Fellowship
2-4 Flatbread Class @ First Lutheran (Art of the Lakes)

Monday, November 24th

9:00 am Quilters
12:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday, November 25th

4:00 pm Bells

Wednesday, November 26th

9:30 am Thanksgiving meal prep
10:00 am Good Sam Communion
No WAFL, Confirmation or youth group
7:30 pm NA @ Sr. Ctr.

Thursday, November 27th

THANKSGIVING
12—2 Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Office closed

Friday, November 28th

Office Closed
8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center

Sunday, November 30th

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship/Potluck



Our next potluck is November 30th. Anyone interested in joining our congregation, please contact Pastor Lynn. All are welcome.
Attendance November 16th — 86 Facebook & Youtube — 316



Missi was the winner of the “Pie in the Face” Contest. Many of the kids participated and got a pie in the face also to raise more money for the Humane Society. The total raised from the noisy offering and the pie in the face amounted to:
\$532.00 Good Job all!!



Sunday, November 23rd 2025

Worship, 10 AM

Pastor: Birgitta Simpson,
from People’s Church

Accompanist: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Song Leader: Linda Tikkanen

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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