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	"Prelude from the "Welltempered Clavichord"	J.S. Bach
	Time For Quiet Reflection	
Welcome and Announcements		
Gathering Song	"My Lord, What a Morning"	ELW# 438
Greeting		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Prayer of the Day		
Money Minute		
Psalm	Psalm 70	
First Lesson:	Amos 5: 18-24	
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 1-13	
Children's Sermon		Pastor Lynn Melchior
Sermon		Pastor Lynn Melchior
Hymn of the Day	"Waymaker"	Video by Leland
Installation of Council Members		
Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors		
Offering	"Trumpet Tune on Duke Street"	Van Denman Thompson
Offering Hymn	"We Give Thee But Thine Own" Vs. 1	ELW# 686
Lord's Prayer		
Benediction		
Sending Song	"Soon and Very Soon"	ELW# 439
Dismissal		
Chimes and Postlude	"He Shall Reign"	Robert J. Hughes

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED…OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Based on your feedback last Sunday, we are switching to setting 11 today. "Settings" are different musical arrangements for our liturgy.

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

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"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Free Thanksgiving Meal

As last year was a success, we will provide a free meal on Thanksgiving Day for anyone who walks through our doors between noon and two that day. Sign up for food donations and volunteers available at entrance to the fellowship hall.

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Truth

Truth is the Spiritual Principle to Practice this week.

Truth can be defined as the quality or state of being true, which is in accordance with facts and reality, or a fact or belief that is accepted as true.

The Benefits of Truth: 1) Builds trust and credibility with others. 2) Promotes healthy relationships. 3) Develops growth and self-awareness. 4) Brings peace of mind and a clear conscience.

The Importance of Truth: **Truth** is essential for integrity and moral character. It forms the foundation of a just society and enables genuine communication and understanding among people.

Seven Examples of Truth: 1) Speaking honestly about your feelings. 2) Admitting mistakes and taking responsibility. 3) Providing true information in all situations. 4) Living in alignment with one's values. 5) Respecting others while remaining true to yourself. 6) Seeking and accepting the truth, even when it's uncomfortable. 7) Choosing to be honest and real in all interactions.

The Spiritual aspect of Truth is grounding yourself in divine wisdom and lining up your life with a higher purpose through righteousness and enlightenment.

Bible verses that include Truth: *John 14:6 -- "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" Proverbs 12:17 – "An honest witness tells the truth, but a false witness tells lies." Ephesians 4:25 – "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body."*

How to Practice 52 Spiritual Principles by Stanley Scott Jr.





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 and we have this QR code that can be used also. Thank you for your generous giving.

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

2026 October giving until 10/31 $ 20,890.00

(Bills paid for the month of September $24,935)

Events Upcoming

November 13th – Fly to Grandpa's Arcade
November 13th – Meet & Eat
November 14th – All Circles @ Good Sam
November 18th – AOTL Lefse Class
November 25th – Thanksgiving Meal Prep
November 26th – Free Thanksgiving Community Meal
November 27th – Office Closed
November 29th – Movie Night "Space Jam"
December 2nd – Blue Christmas Service
December 5th -- AOTL Kitchen class
December 9th – Advent Christmas Sing-a-long
December 10th – Love Inc. coat distribution here @First Lutheran
December 11th – Meet and Eat
December 16th – WAFL Christmas program
December 19th – FLY "The Holiday Hustle" to Fargo
December 20th – WAFL Christmas program
December 20th – Movie Night "Grinch Night"
December 24th – Christmas Eve Services at 3 pm and 5 pm

Did You Know?

…..that **Faith Formation Committee** has transformed to the **Building Bridges Team**? Building Bridges amongst generations, community and congregation members is an area of focus that can provide a high return in doing God's will. It is about developing relationships, identifying needs and reaching out. Interested in learning more? Come to one of our meetings – 2nd Tuesdays at 5:30 pm each month.

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!

My Lord What a Morning

"My Lord, What a Morning" is a spiritual with a call-and-response, verse-refrain structure. As with many spirituals, the text does not have a single author or composer but was probably written collectively. Many spirituals were indeed written by enslaved people, but "My Lord, What a Morning" was more likely written by free Black people in a northern city. An early version was published in Philadelphia in 1801 by Richard Allen. The text of the spiritual refers to multiple passages in scripture, from falling stars in Revelation and Matthew to the trumpet blasts in 1 Corinthians and 1 Thessalonians.

Waymaker

The global worship anthem "Way Maker" was written by Nigerian gospel singer and songwriter Osinachi Okoro, known professionally as Sinach. During a flight from the US to her home in Nigeria, she reflected on God's guidance and heard a reminder that He is the "way maker" and "promise keeper" who would fulfill His word to make her a story of His grace and favor.

Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch wrote the song with the Second Coming of Christ in mind, directly drawing its message and comfort from Revelation 21:3-4, which promises a time when God will dwell with His people and there will be no more death, crying, or pain.

Our website, **blfirstlutheran.org**, has been updated to reflect how people use church websites today. Take a look!
Thanks to everyone who worked hard to update our website!

How do we apply it to our daily lives?

Amos 5:18-24 Amos writes that there is no substitute for obedience. Justice will roll down like flood waters on judgement day. How are you obedient to God? How are you not obedient to God?

Psalm 70 David writes an urgent prayer for help as he feels empty and broken…which includes praise. Praise helps remind us of who God is and all we have been given through God. How often do you praise God?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Unlike the Thessalonians, we expect to die before the second coming of Christ. But what if Christ comes tomorrow - Are you ready?

Matthew 25:1-13 We need to be ready for Jesus' return. What does that mean to you?

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 8th
9:15 a.m. Scripture Study
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Group 1 Share and Care
Monday, November 9th
9:00 a.m. Quilters
2:30 p.m. Finance
6-7:30 p.m. Rural Edge Meeting
Tuesday, November 10th
10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle
4:00 p.m. Bell Choir
5:30 p.m. Bldg Bridges
6:30 p.m. Council
Wednesday, November 11th
3:30 p.m. WAFL
5:30 p.m. Confirmation
7--9 p.m. Youth Group
7:30 p.m. NA@ Sr. Ctr
Thursday, November 12th
8:00 a.m. TOPS
9:00 a.m. Sons of Norway meet
Friday, November 13th
7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center
Saturday, November 14th
10:00 a.m. All Circles @ Good Sam
Sunday, November 15th
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Fellowship



The next potluck is Sunday, November 29th.
Sunday, November 1st — 86 Facebook and Youtube service —195

TECH ISSUES
Our congregational microphones in the sanctuary have some "issues". It is also affecting our live stream sound. We are attempting to resolve them. Please be patient as we figure things out. I believe that we have taken care of this. Any input when you watch the lives would be welcome Thank you!

Noisy offerings
November — Christmas Baskets
December — God's Global Barnyard

Mary Jane, Sandy, Patricia, Michelle, Suzann, Kathleen, Daryl, Cheri, Karen, Jan, Anne, Jim, Linda, Justin, Doug, Ray, Chris, Delores, Lynda, Vera, Sharon, Ron, and family of Dorothy.





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Worship: 10 AM

Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Musicians: Gail Malmgren Nelson

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