

Welcome to First Lutheran Church! May God richly bless our time together through silence, in prayer, song, and in studying God’s Word.

Service of Word and Prayer

Prelude/Chimes	“Panis Angelicus”	Cesar Franck
Welcome and Announcements		
Gathering Hymn	“Soon and Very Soon”	ELW# 439
Greeting		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Prayer of the Day		
Money Minute		
Psalm	Psalm 17: 6-15	
First Reading	Job 19: 23-27a	
Second Reading	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17	
Gospel	Luke 20: 27-38	
Children’s Sermon	Pastor Lynn Melchior	
Sermon	Pastor Lynn Melchior	
Hymn of the Day	“Jesus Calls Us O’er The Tumult” vs. 1, 4, & 5	ELW# 696
Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors		
Offering	“Elegie”	Gordon Young
Offering Hymn	“We Give Thee But Thine Own” vs. 1	ELW# 686
Lord’s Prayer		
Blessing		
Sending Song	“Blessed Assurance”	ELW# 638
Dismissal		
Chimes and Postlude	“Mighty Is The Lord of Hosts”	Chester Nordman

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Subject of November Congregational Voices: Pledging

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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

November 9, 2025

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?” 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

Simply remembering that we are “temples of the Holy Spirit” should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.

Soon and Very Soon

The gospel song "Soon and Very Soon" was written in 1976 by the influential gospel artist [Andraé Crouch](#). Its lyrics are based on the biblical promise of Christ's second coming, particularly [Revelation 21:3-4](#), which speaks of an end to suffering and death. Though many people assume it is an old traditional hymn, it was composed much later and became popular for its hopeful, repetitive, and easy-to-sing style, reminiscent of traditional spirituals.

Jesus Calls Us O’er The Tumult

The hymn "Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult" was written by [Cecil Frances Alexander](#) in 1852 for [St. Andrew’s Day](#), inspired by the scripture of Jesus calling his disciples. Her husband, Reverend William Alexander, requested she write a poem based on the day's gospel reading, and she was inspired by the account of the disciples leaving their nets to follow Christ.

Blessed Assurance

The hymn "Blessed Assurance" was written in 1873 by blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby and composer Phoebe Knapp. Crosby was visiting her friend Knapp, who played a new melody on the piano and asked Crosby, "What does this tune say?". Crosby instantly replied, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" and the two friends spent the afternoon collaborating to create the rest of the lyrics, which Crosby dictated to Knapp.

Our Men’s Fellowship Christmas Food Ministry will be assisting families experiencing hardship. In our out-reach, 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.



First Lutheran has started a SNAP partial funding relief program. Program is confidential and will run as long as funds are available. Donations are welcome!

Money is an important tool in our ministry!

Thank You!

Every penny helps do God’s work and live out our Mission of Sharing Hope In Christ!!

2025 October giving through October 31st \$ 20,215.39

(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 14th — FLY — Glow in the Dark games  
November 15th — Babysitting Class—Spots still available  
November 15th — Bring your own craft day  
November 19th — Lefse class — sign up at Art of the Lakes  
November 20th — 2orMore Fellowship @ Woodshed (Grief & Hope)  
November 22nd — All Circles 10 am @ Good Sam  
November 23rd — Pastor Birgitta from People’s Church presiding  
November 23rd — Flatbread class —sign up at Art of the Lakes  
November 27th — Thanksgiving with Community Dinner @ Church  
November 27-28—Office closed  
November 30th — Advent Starts  
December 3rd — Blue Christmas Service  
December 10th — Advent Service  
December 17th & 21st — WAFL Christmas program  
December 24th— 3 pm and 5 pm Christmas Eve Service



Pray for the Jamaicans and all people effected by Hurricane Melissa!

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](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!

How do we apply these to our daily life

Job 19:23-27a Job suffers BIG time. Yet Job remained steadfast in his faith. Does suffering bring you closer to God or push you away?

Psalm 17:6-15 God provides for us in many ways....and rewards us with seeing God one day. What will you do when you see God?

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 What diverts you from the gospel? For the Thesalonians, it was the belief in Jesus’ imminent return.

Luke 20: 27-38 God never sees people die. All people are alive to God – even though their earthly shells no longer function. How does this change your perception of death?

Noisy Offering

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

<sup>9</sup>This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”  
**Joshua 1:9**

Sunday School

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



Battle Lake Emergency Food Shelf is currently looking for volunteers who are interested in donating their time for various positions on Thursday afternoons. The scheduling is very flexible and generally no more than 2 hours a month. If interested please call Claudia Loll at 218-864-0154 or Peter Eggen at 507-381-8759. Thank you.



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 and Cherie.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 9th

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Fellowship

Monday, November 10th

- 9:00 am Quilters
- 12:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous
- 2:30 pm Finance

Tuesday, November 11th

- 9:30 am Lydia Circle
- 5:15 pm Bells
- 5:30 pm Faith Formation
- 6:30 pm Council

Wednesday, November 12th

- 3:15 pm WAFL
- 5:30 pm Confirmation
- 6-9 pm Youth Group
- 7:30 pm NA@ Sr. Ctr.

Thursday, November 13th

- 8:00 am TOPS

Friday, November 14th

- 8-11 pm Fly Glow in the dark
- 8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center

Saturday, November 15th

- 8-5 Babysitting class
- 9-noon Bring your own craft day
- 10:00 am Lake Ave. Apt. Communion

Sunday, November 16th

- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Fellowship
- 6:30 pm Evening Circle

Our next potluck is November 30th. Anyone interested in joining our congregation, please contact Pastor Lynn. All are welcome.  
Attendance November 2nd — 99 Facebook & Youtube — 282



Sunday, November 9th 2025

Worship, 10 AM

Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Accompanist: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Song Leader: Kathy Neese

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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