

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

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "Spirit of Gentleness" Vs. 1, 2, & 4 ELW# 396

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Psalm Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

First Lesson: Acts 2: 1-21

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Children's Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

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Hymn of the Day "God is Here" Vs. 1 & 4 ELW# 526

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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 So "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" vs. 1-3 Scholtes

Chimes and Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Fidelity

This week, our focus will be on Practicing the Spiritual principle of Fidelity. Fidelity can be defined as the unwavering faithfulness to a person, cause, or belief, showcased through a continuous display of loyalty and support, as well as the meticulous precision with which something is copied or reproduced.

Benefit: Practicing fidelity brings trust, deepens relationships, and enhances personal integrity. It fosters inner peace and fulfillment, providing a sense of purpose in life.

Importance: Fidelity is important as it establishes reliability, consistency, and trustworthiness in a person's character. It nurtures healthy relationships, builds trust, and promotes effective communication.

Examples: Fidelity can be seen in staying faithful to a romantic partner, being a loyal friend, fulfilling work responsibilities, and staying dedicated to one's spiritual beliefs.

Spiritual aspect: Fidelity aligns with principles of truth, righteousness, and devotion, fostering a stronger connection with God and promoting spiritual growth.

Bible Verses: 1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV): "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

Matthew 25: 21 (ASV) His Lord said unto him, "Well done, good and faithful servant: Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of they Lord."

How to Practice 52 Spiritual Principles by Stanley Scott Jr.

The WELCA Rummage sale

will be 6/19 from 1p-7p & 6/20 from 8a-12p.

They will be accepting donations of sporting goods, tools, kids toys, accessories, housewares items, linens, jewelry, books, puzzles, and small furniture items.

Donations will be accepted on the following dates and times: 6/14 11:30a-3p; 6/15 4p-7p; 6/16 4p-7p

June Sermon Series — Women of the Bible
July Sermon Series — The Book of Acts of Apostles
August Sermon Series — TBD

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/simple-giving

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

2026 May giving through 5/20 \$ 13,867.86

(Needed for the month of April \$26,535)

Events Upcoming

May 23rd — Ninja Anywhere @ Railroad Park

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

May 26th — First day of First Lutheran Camp

May 30th — Synod Assembly

June 5th — Meet & Eat potluck

June 7th — Playground Blessing

June 19th & 20th — Rummage sale

June 21st — T-Shirt Bar (made to your order)

June 26th — Music Bingo

The YMCA Food Truck will be returning for the summer. Any children 18 years old and younger are eligible for free weekly food. Each bag contains food for 7 days worth of breakfast, lunches and snacks. The YMCA truck will be here on Mondays from 10:30a-11a starting the week of 6/8.



Time to start thinking if you are interested in going on the Mission Jamaica Trip. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Lynn or bring a \$150 deposit to the office



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!

Spirit of Gentleness

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" was written in 1975 by American pastor and songwriter James K. Manley. He composed the hymn while on a sabbatical leave to finish his doctorate at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. The song was born from his theological studies and reflects the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout biblical history.

God is Here

The hymn was written in Norwich, England, after Russell Schulz-Widmar requested a special hymn for an eight-month-long festival on worship, music, and the arts at the University United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. The text catalogues the central tasks of the church, exploring the relationship between Sunday worship and daily Christian life. It highlights that God's Spirit is present regardless of whether the congregation is large or small

They'll Know We Are Christian By Our Love

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" was written in 1966 by Catholic priest Peter Scholtes. Serving at St. Brendan's parish on the South Side of Chicago, he composed the song in a single day for an ecumenical and interracial youth gathering after failing to find a suitable hymn. The song's core message is derived directly from John 13:35 ("By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"). It also draws from the early Church phrase, "Behold, how they love one another".

Our church is hosting a "Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC)" display in the Narthex until June 1st. The display will help you visualize some of the challenges that cause our neighbors to reach out to Love INC for help. You are encouraged to take some time to thoughtfully walk through the display while it's in our building. If you have questions, please reach out to our Love INC Church Ministry Coordinator, Jan Smith, or visit the Love INC of Greater East Otter Tail County website, loveinceot.org.



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, family of Geneva, and Cherie.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 24th,

10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, May 25th—Memorial Day

Office Closed

11:00 a.m. Memorial Day Service @ School

Tuesday, May 26th

First Day of FLCamp

Wednesday, May 27th

FLCamp

10:00 a.m. Good Sam Communion

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

Thursday, May 28th

FLCamp

8:00 a.m. TOPS

Friday, May 29th

7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center

Saturday, May 30th

Synod Assembly

Sunday, May 31st

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship/Potluck



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

Sunday, May 17th — 90 Facebook and Youtube— 310

Noisy Offerings

May — Faith Haven (Supplies)

June — Faith Haven Scholarships

July — People's Church

August — Veterans Honor Flight

How do we apply it to our daily lives?

Acts 2:1-21 The Holy Spirit makes Her presence known. How does the Holy Spirit work in your life?

Psalms 104:24-34; 35b We can appreciate God through Creation. Verse 30 tells of the Holy Spirit's role in Creation. Do you believe the same power that had an active role in Creation works within you?

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Unity has a lot of room for diversity. What are some diverse gifts you have encountered in your life?

John 20: 19-23 "Receive the Holy Spirit." How often do you communicate with the Holy Spirit?

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



May 24th, 2026

Worship: 10 AM

Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Musicians: Cindy Peterson

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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