



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:  
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

### Welcome to Worship :: February 8, 2026

#### Today's Worship Ministers

*Usher:* Scout  
*Reader:* Scout  
*Communion Assistant:* Scout  
*Narthex Host:* Linda McGuire

#### Staff

*Pastor:* Jamie Gallagher  
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*Musicians:* Janice Algren and Carolyn Kellert

#### Check Out Our Welcome Center

**Coffee Station:** We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

**Giving Station:** Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

**Vision and Purpose:** In February, we are supporting Lutheran Disaster Response. This ELCA Ministry enables our church to be where disaster strikes and provide relief and recovery as quickly as possible.

**Weekly Newsletters:** Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

#### In Our Prayers

Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Janet Lowe, Wes Lovdahl, Pat Clark, Jennie Best

#### Scout Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17th, join the Scouts for a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, served from 5 to 6:30 PM. This is a freewill donation, all proceeds help scouts pay for camp.

#### Order of Service

##### Gathering

Announcements,  
Mission Statement/Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
The Peace  
Opening Hymn; ELW 817, You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore  
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##### The Word/Prayer

Pastoral Greeting  
Kyrie: ELW Setting 10, page 203  
Hymn of Praise: ELW Setting 10, page 204

##### Prayer of the Day

**Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Isaiah 58:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 10, page 205  
Matthew 5:13-20  
Sermon  
Hymn: Pass It On  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayers of Intercession  
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##### Communion

Offering Prayer  
Offering Hymn: ELW 685, Take My Life, verses 1, 4, 6  
Dialogue: ELW Setting 10, page 206  
Preface  
"Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 10, page 207  
Communion Prayer  
Lord's Prayer  
Distribution  
Post Communion Prayer  
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##### Sending

Benediction  
Closing Hymn: ELW 580, How Clear Is Our Vocation  
Dismissal

Isaiah 58:1-12

The prophet declares the way of God's true fast leads to justice for all

58 Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. 3 “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. 4 You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11 The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

For Paul, proclaiming our faith does not require superior speech or wisdom

2 When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4 My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

6 Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. 7 But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory 8 and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— 10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. 13 And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

14 Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 16 “For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Matthew 5:13-20

13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.