

# Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Pastor Hans Anderson

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please pass the attendance pad along the pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.)*

Opening Hymn: "Beautiful Savior" (ELW 838)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: God our rock and refuge,

People: **we pour out our hearts before you.  
We have known you but have not always loved you.  
We have wounded one another  
and sinned against you.  
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit  
dwelling in each of us.  
Remember your covenant.  
Renew your creation.  
Restore us,  
that we might proclaim your good news to all.  
Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these words:*

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
God has spoken:  
The time of grace is now.  
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved.

People: **Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day:**

Pastor: Let us pray

People: **Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**



## First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup> He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## Psalm 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes and does not keep silent;  
before him is a devouring fire  
and a mighty tempest all around him.

<sup>4</sup> **He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

<sup>5</sup> “Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’s sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

## \*Gospel Announcement

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## \*Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**


*The assembly is seated.*

## Children’s Message


## Sermon- “Transfigured”

**Pastor Hans Anderson**


## Song of the Day: “Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair” (ELW 316)



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the  
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the  
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
Ho - ly One says, “This is my be - lov - ed Son.”  
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

**\*Statement of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession:**

Pastor: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God’s blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Pastor: Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,

**People: receive our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

**People: receive our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

**People: receive our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

**People: receive our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for any who are sick and suffering. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace, grace,

**People: receive our prayer.**

Pastor: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

**Offering**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**People: Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.**

**In bread and cup you open heaven to us.**

**Meet us at this table,**

**that we receive what we seek**

**and follow your Son, Jesus,**

**in whose name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## \*Words of Institution

### \*Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.

## † Communion †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.  
Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.  
Gluten free wafers are available from the communion server upon request.  
You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.*

### Holy Communion Distribution

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and organ accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system covers the lyrics: "This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with". The second system covers: "mer-cy and love. with mer - cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,". The third system covers: "bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one." The organ part provides harmonic support with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

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Music: Anne Krentz Organ  
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### \*Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
People: Amen.

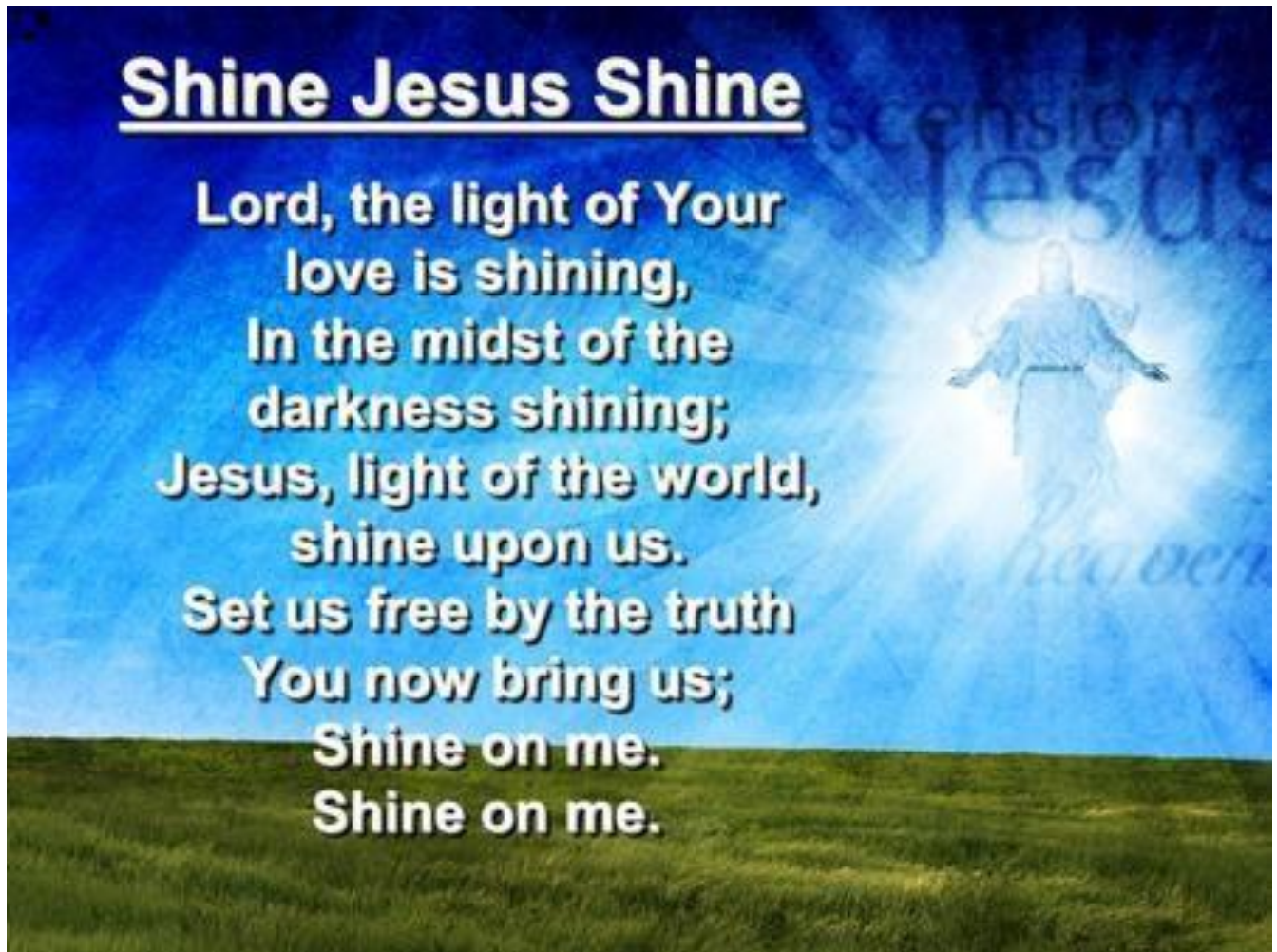
**\*Post Communion Prayer**

**People: Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

**\*Blessing:**

**Pastor: God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.**

**People: Amen.**



\*Sending Hymn: "Shine, Jesus Shine" (ELW 671)

*Refrain*



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,



play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.



mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*



Shine on me, shine on me:



Shine on me, shine on me:



\*Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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**Reader:**

**Communion Assistants:** Val Johnson

**Zoom:** Tyler Hoplin

**Sound:** Sandy Gilbertson

**Ushers:** Paul Pearson & Matt Shamp

**Altar Guild:** Jan Brasel & Leigh Metcalf

**Counter:** Holly Knutson

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, February 11, 2024

*Transfiguration of Our Lord*

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

9:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship,

10:00 AM

Sunday School

10:15 AM

### Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

6:30 PM

### Thursday, February 15, 2024

Dorcas Circle

9:00 AM

Naomi Circle

1:30 PM

### Friday, February 16, 2024

Church Office Closed

### Sunday, February 18, 2024

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent*

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*)

9:00 AM

Coffee & Fellowship,

10:00 AM

Sunday School

10:15 AM

Church Council

10:30 AM

*If you are not able to attend the Worship Service in person, you will still be able to listen to the sermon or watch video of the service online at the First Lutheran website.*

*Links will be on First Lutheran's website and on our Facebook page by Monday morning.*

## Announcements

**Sunday Services** at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. To join us via Zoom, go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and select the blue “Join a Meeting” link at the top center of your screen. (You won’t need to create an account.) Type in the appropriate Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID 823 6162 1569 Passcode 367288.

**Ash Wednesday** Meeting ID: 867 3912 5477 Passcode: 443057

**Bulletins** can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Meals On Wheels** is in desperate need of volunteer drivers. Meals on Wheels serves the Pine River and Pequot Lakes area. You can drive one day a week, or up to five. Each day’s deliveries take between an hour and an hour and a half, starting at 10:00AM. Please call Evie Fairchild @ 218-587-2921, if you are able to help or would like more information. THANK YOU

### New Orleans style Beignets

### Support our Senior High Youth!



First Lutheran has 8 senior high youth and 2 adults attending the National Youth Gathering this Summer. 30 to 40 thousand youth from all over the country will be coming together to gather, worship and serve in New Orleans...a.k.a “NOLA or the Big Easy.” On Sunday mornings in Lent, the Senior High youth will be serving these delicious pastries for a free-will fundraiser. Please support the youth and support

your craving... Buy a Beignet. Beignets are a doughnut like pastry that accompany a cup of coffee wonderfully! Dates to dine delightfully... **February 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.**



*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works: that I know very well. PSALM 139:14*



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# Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Barb Richards

Lars Larson

Clifford, great grandson of Leonard and Jan Nelson

Bonnie Bandy, sister of Shirley Schmidt

Andy Anderson

Denny Aleckson

Harvey and Marion Kelley

Penny Siewert



Those in the service...

MSgt Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Captain A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024      Attendance: 77

Offering:

Feb. 4, 2024    \$3,391.25    Weekly Budget: \$3,132.40

Direct Deposit: \$ 325.00

New Transfer:    350.00

Total Offering: \$4,066.25

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

Giving: \$66,617.05      Expenses: \$55,178.06

Income less Expenses for January:

\$12,879.67 - \$10,968.45 = \$1,911.22

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-2969 or email him at [pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com)

# The Chosen

**Lenten Challenge:** For anyone who has not joined us for the Chosen Videos this past Fall, the Lenten Challenge will be to watch them at home. For people who have seen the videos, please read the corresponding scripture and/or rewatch episodes:

<https://www.angel.com/the-chosen>

We will start the videos again as a group on April 3, 2024.

“You are Chosen.” The sermon series will be based on the first 6 “chosen” episodes. The format for Wednesday Evenings will be 5:30 soup & 6:30 worship. Holden Evening Prayer will be sung on Wednesdays this Lent.

## Wednesday Lent Schedule

February 14 <sup>th</sup>	no Soup Supper	“You are Chosen”
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Soup Supper	“I Have Called You by Name”
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Supper	“Shabbat”
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Supper	“Jesus Loves the Little Children”
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Supper	“The Rock on Which It is Built”
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Supper	“The Wedding Gift”
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Supper	“Indescribable Compassion”

