

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements (*Guests please sign the visitor's book in the narthex*)

Bible Presentation

At the time of your baptism, your parents and sponsors promised faithfully to bring you to the services of God's house, to teach you the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in your hands, the Holy Scriptures, and to provide for your instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of your baptism and in communion with the Church, you may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

First Lutheran youth receiving Holy Bibles today are: Nash Ackerman, Graham Hesse, Ellie Norman, Kaden Orth, and Emily Rowell.

Opening Song: "We are Baptized in Christ Jesus" (ELW 451)



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je-sus, we are bap-tized in his death;
2 In the wa-ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic-to-rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait-ing arms of Je-sus who is ris-en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er three and ev-er one;



And if we have been u-nit-ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be-gin-ning from the ash-es of our past;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, glo-ry now re-sounds a-gain



we will all be re-u-nit-ed, for he lives.
in the los-ing and the win-ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end-ing. . . . A-men.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Mallory Anne Gormley

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Presentation: I present Mallory to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

In Christian love you have presented Mallory for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents & Sponsors: I do.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Mallory, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon this child: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. **Amen**

Mallory, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

(A lighted candle is be given to the sponsor of the child)

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Tom and Allison, parents of Mallory. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for this child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with this child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Through Baptism God has made Mallory a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.
Amen.**



***Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 4:5-42**

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him."²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together."³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Sermon-"Wellspring!"

Pastor Hans Anderson

*Prayers of the People:

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought (*especially*), and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

Hymn of the Day: "I heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (ELW 611) (*Offering will be taken at this time*)

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy

1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So
2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a
2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

***Offertory Prayer**

**O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
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, and apple juice are available from the communion server upon request.
You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.*

Holy Communion Distribution

***Post Communion Prayer**

**God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

***Blessing:**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.



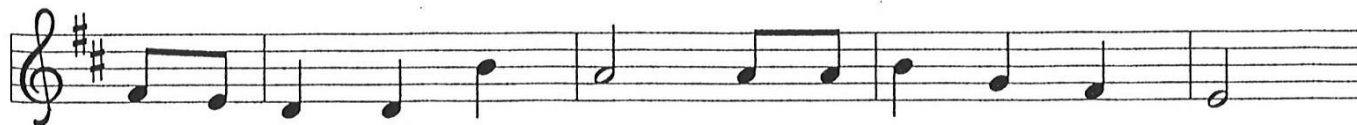
Sending Song- "Baptized and Set Free" (ELW 453)



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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***Dismissal:**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.



Reader:

Rene Frigaard

Communion Assistants:

Zoom:

Cora Hohnstadt

Sound:

Matthew Rohr

Ushers:

Paul Pearson & Vince and Jace Norman

Altar Guild:

Jodi Perry & Val Johnson

Counter:

Brenda Anderson

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Fellowship & Coffee Time

10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

WOW

3:30 PM

Soup Supper

5:00 PM

Holden Evening Prayer

6:00 PM

9:00 AM

Sunday, March 14, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Fellowship & Coffee Time

10:00 AM

Congregational Care Commission

10:00 AM

An Irish Blessing

May you always have walls for the winds,
a roof for the rain, tea beside the fire,
laughter to cheer you, those you love near you,
and all your heart might desire.

May joy and peace surround you,
Contentment latch your door,
And happiness be with you now,
And bless you evermore.

Bless you and yours
As well as the cottage you live in.
May the roof overhead be well thatched
And those inside be well matched.

May your neighbors respect you,
Trouble neglect you,
The angels protect you,
And heaven accept you.



Announcements

Sunday Services at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. To join us via Zoom, go to 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 is 823 8014 4799 Passcode is 661245.

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

"Quiet Activity Bags" are available for children's use during worship. They are at the back of the sanctuary on the right-hand side.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for providing soup, dessert, set up and clean up for our **Soup Suppers** starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing each Wednesday during Lent. Please help if you are able. Soup Supper is at 5:00 PM and the Service is at 6:00 PM each week.

A Lenten Stewardship Project: First Lutheran Church Women are collecting donations of bars or pump bottles of soap. The collection box is in the church narthex. Donations can be given anytime the church is open. The soap collected will be given to the Pine River Backus Food Shelf.

Thank you to Art Schmidt for purchasing the Action Bibles we presented to the third grade students this morning.

SUPPORT
LOCAL
FOOD SHELVES

March 1 - April 6, 2026
Find your local food shelf or donate
at **245 Barclay Ave, PO Box 1, Pine River, MN 56474**

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PINE RIVER AREA FOOD SHELF

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Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Madeleine Primmer

Ryan Kelley

Juliet Perry Stevens, Jodi Perry's daughter, recovering from surgery

Marty Heino

Leonard Nelson

Those in the service...

Senior Master Sergeant Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

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

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau
E-6 Nathaniel & Chief Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Attendance: 101

Offering March 1, 2026 \$2,656.00 Weekly Budget: \$3,803.77

Direct Deposit: \$ 205.00

Vanco: \$ 4.68

Total Offerings: \$2,865.68

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

2025-2026 Giving: \$83,961.69 Expenses: \$86,985.47

Income less Expenses for February:

\$13,154.05 - \$16,729.34 = (\$3,575.29)

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-9166 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com



Vanco provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Our March outing will be to Lakes Latte in
Pequot Lakes

We will meet on March 17 in the church
parking lot at 11:00 AM



Lakes Latte is a cozy coffee shop blending the charm of a coffee shop, breakfast spot and a tea house. Popular menu items include: scones, cinnamon rolls and paninis.



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2026 Lenten Wednesday Schedule

03/11/2026 Lent Soup 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM

03/18/2026 Lent Soup 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM

03/25/2026 Lent Soup 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM