



Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

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

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" (ELW 434)

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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***Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;**

we assume the worst about one another.

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalm 1

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the
counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in
the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day
and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not
wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows
away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the
righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be
destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

***Gospel Announcement**

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

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Pastor Hans Anderson

Message- “Love on the level”

Pastor Hans Anderson



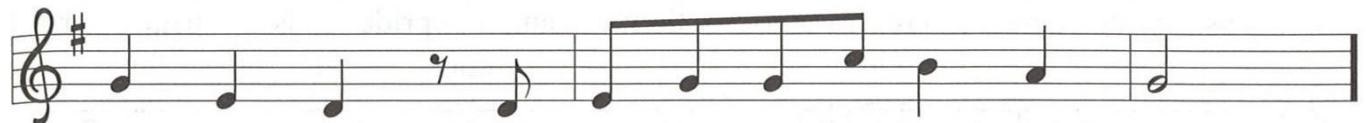
Song of the Day: "Light Dawns on a Weary World" (ELW 726)



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



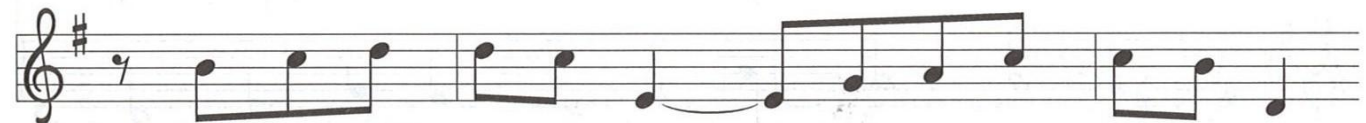
wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



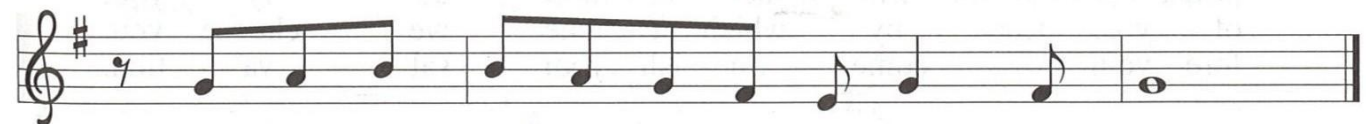
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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*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 the People:

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. We pray for the following.... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
Amen.



Offering

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Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the

prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord.

*Offertory Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

Amen.

Pastor Hans Anderson

*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 †



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Holy Communion Distribution

Babies N Bibles & Club 45 go upstairs to the Nursery

*Post Communion Prayer

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

*Blessing:

The Spirit of the triune God
† bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

*Sending Hymn: "Canticle of the Turning" (ELW 723)

1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

***Dismissal:**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.



Reader:	Val Johnson
Communion Server:	Val Johnson
Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt
Sound:	Denice Smith
Ushers:	Paul Pearson
Altar Guild:	Rene Frigaard & Annette Newton
Coffee	Art & Shirley Schmidt
Counter:	Holly Knutson

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 16, 2025

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service	9:00 AM
Babies N Bibles and Club 45 following communion	
Fellowship & Coffee Time	10:00 AM
Church Council	10:00 AM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Out to Lunch at the "Lodge at Leech Lake"	11:00 AM
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Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Bible Study	10:00 AM
WOW	3:30 PM
Meal	5:00 PM
Video	6:00 PM
Confirmation	6:00 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Dorcas Circle	9:00 AM
Naomi Circle at the church	1:30 PM

Sunday, February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after Epiphany/Camp Sunday/Noisy Offering/Bible Presentation

Worship Service	9:00 AM
Babies N Bibles and Club 45 following communion	
Fellowship & Coffee Time	10:00 AM



Announcements

To view **Sunday Services** via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue “Join a Meeting” link at the top center of your screen. Type in the following Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID 893 3233 9261 Passcode: 053380

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. Today’s bulletin is sponsored by Irene Gearey. Great is “18”!!! The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

Dear Families with younger children: we enthusiastically welcome you and your growing family to celebrate the worship service with us. *Please relax.* We understand that God put the wiggle in children and we want them to feel welcome -- it’s their church, too! Be sure to participate in the service as kids learn how to “do” church by watching you. Quiet activity bags are available in the back of the church. Talk about church at home and in the car and address any curiosities children have.

Finally, THANK YOU for joining us -- we know it takes a lot of hard work and effort to get here.!

We are looking for additional members for the **Altar Guild**. Volunteers help prepare communion each week, in teams of two or three. New volunteers will be paired with an existing member. If you are able to help, please see Annette Newton.

Thank you to the faithful supporters of First Lutheran Youth who bring aluminum cans and leave them by the garage door. This is an ongoing fundraiser for youth activities.

Next week’s **Noisy Offering** will be going to Heifer International. Heifer International works to end hunger and poverty with the communities they serve. By supporting and training the world’s farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, they are investing in a new breed of success. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Next week is **Camp Sunday!** Please wear your camp apparel.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup groups are needed!!!

Soup suppers for 2025 will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5 and continue through April 9. The sign up sheet for volunteers and food donations is posted in the narthex.

*Please come every Wednesday for a warm meal and the Lenten Church Service. Food for your body and soul—
begins at 5:00 pm and done by 7:00 pm*



Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Grace Anderson

Lila Kersey

Kayci Finley



Those in the service...

Senior Master Sargeant 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 & E-6 Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025

Attendance: 81

Offering

Feb. 9, 2025 \$2,462.00 Weekly Budget: \$3,301.40

Direct Deposit: \$ 75.00

Total Offerings: \$2,537.00

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

2024-2025 Giving: **\$73,266.41** Expenses: **\$65,720.04**

Income less Expenses for January:

\$10,652.00 - \$16,449.43 = (-\$5,797.43)

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