

# Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 9, 2025**

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

**Opening Hymn:** “Gather Us In” (ELW 532) (on back page)

## **\*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**

**Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots<sup>[a]</sup> on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph<sup>[b]</sup> touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

## Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

**<sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your  
steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted your name and your  
word  
above everything.**

<sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.<sup>[c]</sup>

**<sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you,  
O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**<sup>6</sup> For though the LORD is high, he regards the  
lowly,  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

**<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my  
enemies;**

you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.

**<sup>8</sup> The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

## **\*Gospel Announcement**

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

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Message**

**Message-** "net-full of love"  
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Song of the Day: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (ELW 332)

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.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Music: trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958.

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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.*

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind. We pray for the following..... God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. 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

Musical notation for the first part of the offering song. It features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The key signature is C major. The first staff has a treble clef and the second has a bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the". Chords are indicated above the staff: C, N.C., F, and G.

Musical notation for the second part of the offering song. It features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The key signature is C major. The first staff has a treble clef and the second has a bass clef. The lyrics are: "prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord." Chords are indicated above the staff: C, Am, F, and G.

**\*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.

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**\*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: "Be Thou My Vision" (ELW 793)

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**\*Dismissal:**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Reader:** Penny Siewert  
**Communion Server:** Roger Hoplin II  
**Zoom:** Cora Hohnstadt  
**Sound:** Val Johnson  
**Ushers:** Paul Pearson  
**Altar Guild:** Rene Frigaard & Annette Newton  
**Coffee Counter:** Art & Shirley Schmidt  
Holly Knutson

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, February 9, 2025

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

Worship Service 9:00 AM

**Babies N Bibles and Club 45 following communion**

Fellowship & Coffee Time 10:00 AM

### Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Operation Sandwich 10:00 AM

### Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Bible Study 10:00 AM

WOW 3:30 PM

Meal 5:00 PM

Video 6:00 PM

Confirmation 6:00 PM

### Sunday, February 16, 2025

*5<sup>th</sup> 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

#### ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025 Attendance: 72

#### Offering

Feb. 2, 2025 \$3,062.00 Weekly Budget: \$3,301.40

Direct Deposit: \$ 205.00

Total Offerings: \$3,267.00

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

2024-2025 Giving: \$70,729.41 Expenses: \$64,980.45

#### 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](mailto:pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com)



## Announcements

To view **Sunday Services** 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. 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. 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

## *Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy*

### **Those with medical concerns...**

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Grace Anderson

Lila Kersey



### **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 & E-6 Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

Clearwater Couple's Retreat 2025:

# The 4 Seasons of Marriage

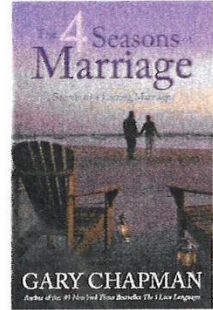
When: Feb. 28- Mar. 2 (7 pm on Friday until 1 pm on Sunday)

Where: Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center

Cost: \$350/couple

Leaders: Pastors David and Sarah Parker

Pastor Hans and Erin Anderson



It will be spring at Clearwater, but is your marriage also in the season of spring? Come to Clearwater Forest to enjoy a meaningful weekend learning about the four seasons of marriage and how your marriage can thrive in any season! There will be time for couples to be together

on their own as well as time for large-group activities. Here are some of the fun activities we have planned:

♥ Love Song Karaoke

♥ Worship with Vow Renewal

♥ Couple's Board Games

♥ Quality time with your special someone!

## Goals for the weekend:

1. Learn about the reoccurring seasons of marriage
2. Identify which season of marriage you and your spouse are currently in.
3. Learn seven relationship strategies for any season.
4. Spend meaningful time with your spouse.
5. Reconnect with the other couples and/or get to know new couples!
6. Have fun!

This retreat will be partially based on the book *The 4 Seasons of Marriage* by Gary Chapman, author of the #1 New York Times Bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Anderson,

Clearwater Forest Executive Director, at  
[eanderson@clearwaterforest.org](mailto:eanderson@clearwaterforest.org) or (218) 678-2325

To register, go to [clearwaterforest.org](http://clearwaterforest.org)!

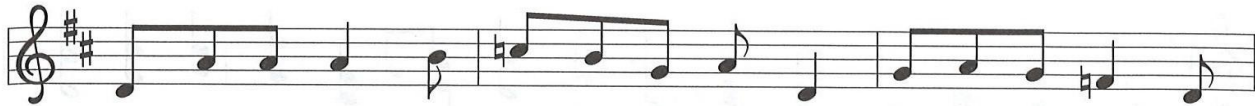
# OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Our February outing will be to  
**The Lodge at Leech Lake in Walker**  
February 18th, meet in the parking lot at  
church at 11:00 AM

The  
**LODGE**  
Tavern & Eatery  
at leech lake



## Opening Hymn: "Gather Us In"



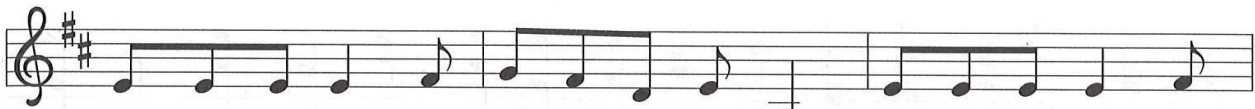
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.