

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025

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

Temple Talk

Barb Richards

Opening Hymn: “Jesus on the Mountain Peak” *(ELW 317) (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

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

² **The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!

⁴ **Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!

⁶ **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on
his name.**

**They cried to the LORD, and he answered
them.**

⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees
and the statutes that he gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

⁹ Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.



Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

*Gospel Announcement

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

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36."

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Pastor Hans Anderson

Message- "Descending Mont Blanc"

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.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: English ballad, 15th cent.

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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.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for the following..... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. 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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 100. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system has a key signature of C major and a common time signature. The second system continues the melody and includes a 4-measure rest at the beginning. The lyrics are: "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."

♩ = 100 C N.C. F G

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

4 C Am F G

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.

What is Holy Communion?

Pastor Hans Anderson

What is a sacrament ? g.o.g.g.

c.b.c.

p.e.a.

Holy Communion is the _____ and _____.
of our Lord Jesus Christ
given with _____ and _____.
instituted by Christ himself for us
to _____ and _____.

Where do the scriptures say this?

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Paul say:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in
which he was betrayed,
took bread: and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying, "Take, eat, this is my body,
which is given for you:
this do in remembrance of me."
After the same manner also he took the cup
after supper,
and when he had given thanks,
He gave it to them, saying,
"Drink of it, all of you;
this cup is the new testament in my blood,
Which is shed for you and for many, for the
remission of sins:
this do, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me."

***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.

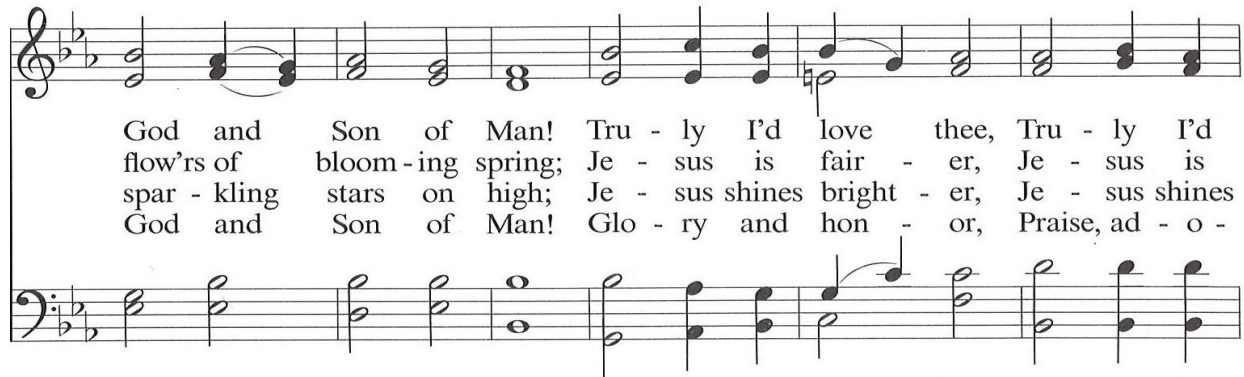
***Blessing:**

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

***Sending Hymn: "Beautiful Savior" (LBW 838)**



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



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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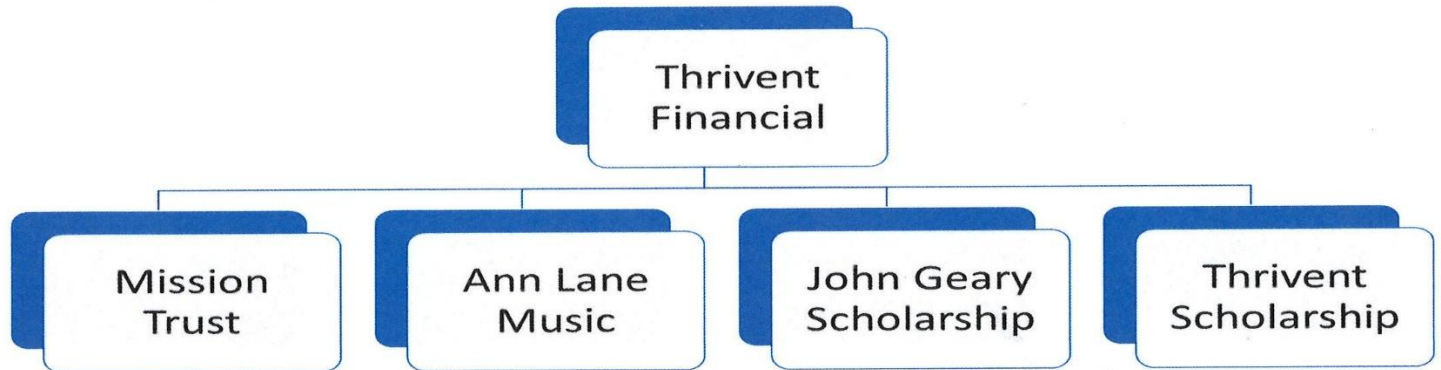
***Dismissal:**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.



- Reader:** Jan Otness
- Communion Server:**
- Zoom:** Cora Hohnstadt
- Sound:** Denice Smith
- Ushers:** Paul Pearson, Jace & Vince Norman
- Altar Guild:** Rene Frigaard & Annette Newton
- Coffee Counter:** Art & Shirley Schmidt
- Counter:** Holly Knutson



Mission- Mission Purposes
Ann Lane Music- Music Needs
John Geary Scholarship- Scholarships
Thrivent Scholarship- Scholarships

There are many ways to give:

- Offering
- Re-occurring Donation-Auto payments/transfers
- Tax returns, RMD's

Legacy Giving or Planned Giving: Add the Church as Beneficiary to -Death Benefits, Insurance policies, Retirement Funds, Real Estate, and Wills

Vanco- a new App based payment system is being proposed. This will help to make “in the pew” transfers easier, Text to Give. One touch derationing, set up regular payments, transfers via Venmo, Facebook, and PayPal will be possible. We will also be able to make special onetime donations, pay for book for Bible studies, donate to Youth Group, support fellowship by making donations to the coffee fund. The applications are numerous.

But of course, not everyone can give money all the time. I’m in that boat. I am here to remind you those opportunities to give are also endless.

Ushering, alter guild, wow, worship team, council, committees, Greeting, funeral help, decoration, various circles, kitchen committee, youth group, mission projects, prayer shawls, Readings, communion.... Like I said it’s endless.

Barb Richards

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING			
Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025		Attendance: 91	
Offering			
Feb. 23, 2025	\$1,594.00	Weekly Budget:	\$3,301.40
Direct Deposit:	\$ 275.00		
Total Offerings:	\$1,869.00		
Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)			
2024-2025 Giving:	\$79,291.41	Expenses:	\$71,880.79
Income less Expenses for January:			
	\$10,652.00 - \$16,449.43 = (-\$5,797.43)		
<p>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</p>			

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of our Lord

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Babies N Bibles and Club 45 following communion

Fellowship & Coffee Time 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

Bible Study 10:00 AM

WOW 3:30 PM

SOUP SUPPER 5:00 PM

Service 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Dorcas Circle 9:00 AM

Sunday, March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

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. 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.!

Last week’s **Noisy Offering** will be giving to \$101.69 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.

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

Families as you register your children for **Summer Bible Camp** REMEMBER: First Lutheran Church will pay all Summer Bible Camp Costs after the deposit. (If deposit is a challenge contact Denice Smith at 218-820-4522). Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of the camper's family. Carpooling has been a tradition in the past. Camp registration information is available at www.vlm.org. There are early registration, sibling and bring a friend discounts.



A Lenten Stewardship Project

First Lutheran Church Women will be collecting donations of bars of soap.

The collection box will be in the church narthex. Donations can be given anytime the church is open. The bars of soap collected will be given to the My Little Church, the Tiger's Den Food Shelf and the Pine River Backus Food Shelf.



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 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

Opening Hymn: "Jesus on the Mountain Peak" (ELW 317)



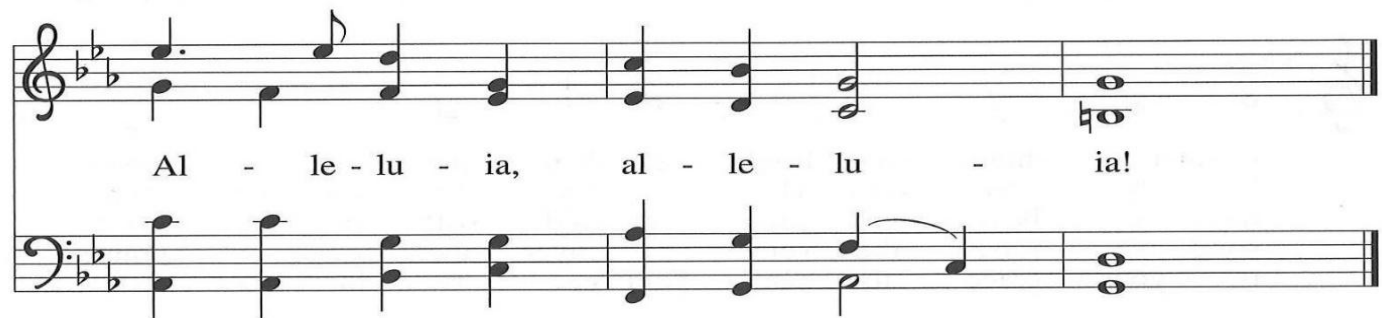
1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph-ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!