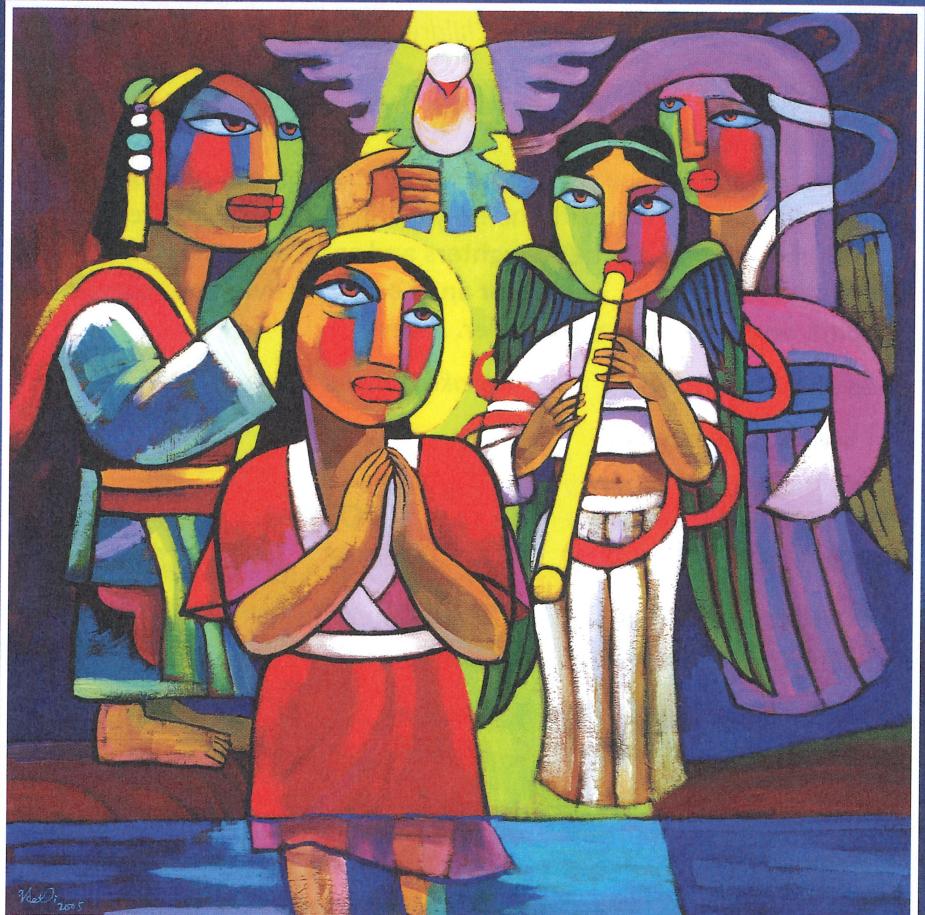


THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED

MATTHEW 3:17



Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

Radio ministry is given in thankfulness to God by the members of First Lutheran Church.

Baptized today: Everlee Kay Perrigo, daughter of Jacob & Ariana (Bender) Perrigo, born on Oct. 20, 2025, in Owatonna, MN. Her sponsors are Alyssa Ressler, Aaron Stangl and Bradey Perrigo.

Sunday 1/11	9:00am	Worship & on Radio & Video
	10:00am	3 rd Gr Bible Class w/parent(s)
	10:00am	Sunday School and SS Parent group
	11:00am	Ed Board Meeting
	1:15pm	Prairie Manor Worship
Monday 1/12	8:30am	Quilting
	5:00pm	Endowment Committee Meeting
Tuesday 1/13	11:00am	Worship/Music Team Meeting
Wednesday 1/14	8:00am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	7-8 Gr Confirmation
	6:30pm	9 th Gr Mentoring
	7:00pm	Senior Choir Practice
Sunday 1/18	9:00am	Worship/HC & on Radio & Video
	12:30-3:00pm	4-H Meeting NO Sunday School

Acolyte: Cora Stoen, Laila Ebeling

Lector: Jaclyn Schlichter

Ushers: Tom Donnelly, Matt Madsen, Dwayne Gross, Scott Sherva, Linn Thoen

January's Children's Offering is instant oatmeal packets for the BP Backpack Program.

BP Cancer Group Pancake Breakfast is Sun., Jan 18 from 8:30am-12:30pm at the BP Servicemen's Club. This is a free will donation. More info on bulletin boards.

BUILD US UP, LORD The Welcome Place—one community of believers online *and* in the pews. We thank each person committed to sharing time, talent and treasure in 2026. Want to learn more about automated offering? SIGN UP at our Build Up kiosk; someone from the Stewardship Team will reach out. Already tech-savvy? The time is now! Use the QR code to begin.

Sunday, Jan. 4 – Offering \$7,166.97
Attendance – 141



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9:00am

Mission Statement - As God's people gathering for worship, study and service, we seek to be a "Welcome Place" for all people. This we do out of love for and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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*Apostolic Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music *Make a Joyful Noise*

Children's Message

WORD

Second Reading: *Acts 10:34-43*

*Gospel Acclamation *I Love You, Lord*

P. The Gospel according to Matthew. C. Glory to you, O Lord.

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*Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:13-17*

P. The Gospel of the Lord. C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Have You Seen Jesus My Lord*

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RESPONDING

(Lord, in your mercy/Hear our prayer)

*Prayers of Intercession

*Sharing of the Peace

*Offering

*Offertory Music

Build Us Up, Lord

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*Offertory Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

*Blessing

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise +bless you now and forever. Amen.

*Sending Song

White As Snow

#135 WT

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Today's Readings

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January 11, 2026

Prayer of the Day

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First Reading

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the
nations.
He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not
quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the
earth,
and the coastlands wait for his
teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and
stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what
comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD; I have called you in
righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and
kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the
people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in
darkness.
I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come
to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm



Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD
glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD
the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD
in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD
is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD
is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD
is a voice of splendor.

continued

Psalm 29; tone 8

Psalm, continued

The voice of the LORD
breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD
breaks the cedar trees of Lebanon;
the LORD makes Lebanon
skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon
like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
The voice of the LORD
shakes the wilderness;

the LORD
shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD makes the oak
trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD
all are crying, "Glory!"
The LORD sits enthroned
above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned
as king forever.
O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD,
the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had

been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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Gathering Hymn

Borning Cry

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1 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

Baptismal Acclamation Children of the Heavenly Father #148 WT

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;

Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.

From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Gospel Acclamation

I love You, Lord

#139 WT

I love you, Lord and I Lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound

in your ear.

Hymn of the Day

Have You Seen Jesus My Lord

Chorus Have you seen Jesus my Lord? He's here in plain view. Take a look,
open your eyes, he'll show it to you.

1 Have you ever looked at the sunset with the sky melowin' red; and the
clouds suspended like feathers? Then I say you've see Jesus my Lord. **Chorus**

2 Have you ever looked at the ocean with the white foam at your feet; felt the
endless thunderin' motion? Then I say you've seen Jesus my Lord **Chorus**

3 Have you ever looked at the cross with a man hanging in pain; and the looks
of love in his eyes? Then I say you've seen Jesus my Lord.

Offering

Build Us Up, Lord

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1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in us a strong foundation.

Lead us to do your holy will; form and shape your new creation.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we guide and teach each other,
help us to share your love with the world: every sister, every brother.

Chorus: Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;
we follow in faith what's begun! Lord, set in our hearts the power
of your word to spread the news of your Son!

2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our lives reflect your glory.

Cast away all our doubts and fears; help us tell the world your story.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us bear good fruit for you,
Lord, give us visin and keep us sure. Grant us faith that's steadfast and true.

Sending Song

White as Snow

#135 WT

White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as scarlet, Lord, I know,
Lord, I know that I'm clean and forgiven. Through the power of your blood,
through the wonder of your love, through faith in you I know that I can be
white as snow. **Repeat**

Dedication of Baptismal Font (Matthias James Meester)

Today, we have the privilege of dedicating our new baptismal font. This font was given in memory of Matthias James Meester by his family with the help of the memorial committee of First Lutheran Church. We invite Matthias' family, as well as those who helped create the font to join us in the front.

A few things to note about the design of this piece. Both the wooden bowl and metal plate on the top of the font are octagonal. Baptismal fonts often have 8 sides representative of the 8 days of creation (7 original days + 1 for the day of Jesus' resurrection and the new creation it ushered in.) The "8th day" also signifies the eternal life that we are welcomed into through the waters of baptism. The four metal prongs of the font's supports mimic the beams on the roof of the steeple above the sanctuary at First Lutheran Church.

We would like to thank Jay Iverson at Metal Services for working so diligently on the base of the piece and Doug Rueter for doing the woodwork.

In the book of Acts, Matthias is chosen to replace Judas among the 12 disciples. He is called to be "a witness of Christ's resurrection." It is the hope of Matthias' family that this font will serve not as a reminder of Matthias' tragically short life but as a witness to the promise of eternal life that gives us hope even as we wait to be reunited with our Matthias.



Summer Camp 2026 Registration is Open!!

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