

Blessed ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

MATTHEW 5:9



Time after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

Radio ministry is given in gratitude of all our board/committee members by First Lutheran Church.

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| Sunday 2/01 | 9:00am | Worship w/HC & Installation of Officers/Boards & on Radio & Video |
| | 10:00am | Sunday School & Parent Group Meets |
| Monday 2/02 | 8:30am | Quilting |
| Tuesday 2/03 | 4:00pm | Executive Team Meeting |
| Wednesday 2/04 | 8:00am | Bible Study |
| | 4:30pm | Departure for 7-12 Gr Tubing Trip – returning at 9:30pm |
| | 7:00pm | Senior Choir Practice |
| Sunday 2/08 | 9:00am | Worship & on Radio & Video |
| | 10:00am | Sunday School & Parent Group Meets |
| | 1:15pm | Prairie Manor Worship |

Acolyte: Tucker Schneider, Kashton Witt

Lector: Mary Worke

Ushers: Mark Noble, Randy Klemmensen, Dwain Schultz, Rich Schwartz, David Streng

February's Children's Offering is a noisy offering for VBS 2026

Lent is coming soon, and we'd love to offer soup suppers again this year. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. If your group is interested in hosting, please add your name. *If we don't receive enough participation, we'll simply pause soup suppers for this season.*

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 about automated offering? **SIGN UP** at the Build Up kiosk. Already tech-savvy? Use the QR code to begin.

Sunday, Jan. 25 – Offering \$6,426.65
Attendance – 216



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

- *Gathering Hymn

All Are Welcome

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- *Apostolic Greeting

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- *Kyrie

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- *Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

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***Prayer of the Day**
Let us pray. Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

Nearer My God to Thee

Senior Choir

WORD

- First Reading:

Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm:

Psalm 15
- Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Children's Message

*Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?

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

*Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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RESPONDING

- *Apostles' Creed

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- *Prayers of Intercession

(Lord, in your mercy/Hear our prayer)

Installation of Council Officers, Boards and Committees

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*Sharing of the Peace

- *Offering
- *Offertory Music

Build Us Up, Lord

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- *Offertory Prayer

MEAL

- *Words of Institution

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- *Lord's Prayer

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Communion Distribution

Lamb of God

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All baptized believers, including visitors and friends, are welcome to come forward down the center aisle, at the ushers' direction, and depart by the side aisles. Children who do not yet commune will be blessed at the rail. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; indicate this preference to your server. For mobility challenges or personal preference, please notify an usher; communion will be served to you in your pew.

Communion Hymns

#742, 532

*Prayer after Communion

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

#641 vss 4 & 5

*Dismissal

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

Postlude

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| Choir Director | Megan Lynch |
| Organist | Karla Iacovino |
| Custodians | Gary Thorson, Wanda Edge |



Today's Readings

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2026

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,

and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,

and you enduring foundations of the earth,

for the LORD has a case against his people,

and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt

and redeemed you from the house of slavery,

and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what

King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD

and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,

with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands

of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good,

and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice and to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm

Psalm 15; tone 7



LORD, who may dwell
in your ¹tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ¹holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life

and do ¹what is right,

who speak the truth

¹from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue,

they do no evil ¹to their friends;

they do not cast discredit

up- ¹on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected,

but they honor those

who ¹fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health

and do not take ¹back their word.

⁵They do not give their money

in hope of gain,

nor do they take bribes

a- ¹gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things

shall never be ¹overthrown.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the

discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of

God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

TODAY'S READINGS February 1, 2026

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Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20.

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INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The following persons, having been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership, are asked to come forward as their names and offices are read.

St. Paul writes, *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all.*

You have been elected to positions of trust and leadership in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect the God in whose name we gather.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God’s will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific areas of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, we ask you:
Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?
If so, please answer, “Yes, by the help of God.” **[Yes, by the help of God.]**

[Group turns to face congregation]
People of God, we ask you:
Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?
If so, please answer, “Yes, by the help of God.” **[Yes, by the help of God.]**

We now declare you as installed council members and officers of First Lutheran Church. God bless you with the Holy Spirit, continually inspiring your faithful service to Christ. Amen.

Elected Leaders Prepared to Serve First Lutheran in 2026

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------|
| President | Doug Hillson | Deacons | |
| Vice President | Jennifer Wayne | Judy Brudwick | Ashley Boehnke |
| Secretary | Michelle Southworth | Beatriz Cardenas | Allyson Skillestad |
| Treasurer | Sylvia Myre | Barb Ruhter | Cheryl Olson |
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| Jeff Kramer | Ron Thorson | Paul Habermann | Roger Sorenson |
| Rachel Blaedorn | | Kaye Toquam | |
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| Dean Meshke | Marilyn Meshke | Rich & Jean Schwartz | |
| Randy Zellmer | Carol Kirkebon | Bob & Joanne Nahlovsky | |
| Michelle Vigeland | | Harvey & Nancy Farr | |
| Stewardship Committee | | Mark & Karen Thoen | |
| Brianna Masching | Whitnei Abel | Cheri Krejci & Becky Noble (alternates) | |
| Deb Lindquist | Stephanie Thorson | FLC/Westfield Cemetery Board | |
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| Youth Board (adults) | | Scott Sherva | Brian Hoveland |
| Anna McIntosh | Darren Schultz | Jennifer Milton | |
| Kelly LaMotte | Eric Westphal | Head Ushers | |
| Youth Board (youth) | | Mark Noble | |
| Aubrey Klocke | Haley Schlichter | Wayde Bishop | |
| Jakson Vermilyea | Evan Westphal | Gustavus Adolphus College Rep. | |
| Nominating Committee | | John & Lisa Bruns | |
| Becky Noble | Stacey Busho | Prairie Manor Rep. | |
| Michelle Southworth | Julie Noble | Julie Peterson | |
| Diane Olson | Pastor | Good Earth Village Rep. | |
| | | Emma Basness | |

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 SUPERBOWL SUNDAY SILENT AUCTION

Snacks!
Appetizers!
Goodies!

Ready to Take
Home & Enjoy!

LUTHER ROOMS
bids open @8:30am
bids close @10:30am

Sponsored by the PieceMakers Quilting Group
First Lutheran Church | The Welcome Place



FEBRUARY
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



4 CONFIRMATION
TUBING TRIP



1 COUNCIL LEADER
INSTALLATION



8 SUPERBOWL SNACKS
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WEDNESDAY

22 FAMILY &
FRIENDS SUNDAY

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