

# 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.

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 Strenge

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



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

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

## GATHERING

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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
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## 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?	page 142
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	#774
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## RESPONDING

*Apostles' Creed	
*Prayers of Intercession	(Lord, in your mercy/Hear our prayer)

Installation of Council Officers, Boards and Committees

see insert

\*Sharing of the Peace

\*Offering

\*Offertory Music *Build Us Up, Lord*

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\*Offertory Prayer

## MEAL

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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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## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Associate Pastor	Laurel Meester
Director of Children's Ministry	Tracy Madsen
Administrative Secretary	Danielle Hein
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

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## First Reading

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,

and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, 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.

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?

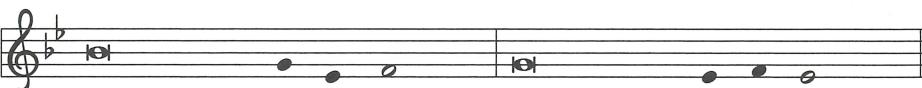
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For 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.

## Psalm



LORD, who may dwell in your <sup>1</sup> tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup> holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>Those who lead a blameless life and do <sup>1</sup> what is right,

who speak the truth from their heart;

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil <sup>1</sup> to their friends; they do not cast discredit up-<sup>1</sup> on a neighbor.

<sup>5</sup>O 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.”

<sup>6</sup>“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? <sup>7</sup>Will 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?” <sup>8</sup>He 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 15; tone 7

<sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take <sup>1</sup> back their word.

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a-<sup>1</sup> gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be <sup>1</sup> overthrown.

## 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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where 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? <sup>21</sup>For 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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of

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

<sup>26</sup>Consider 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. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

<sup>30</sup>In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

## Gospel

## Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

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

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

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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

### Vice President

Jennifer Wayne

### Secretary

Michelle Southworth

### Treasurer

Sylvia Myre

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Julie Peterson

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Brian Hoveland

Jennifer Milton

### Head Ushers

Mark Noble

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### Gustavus Adolphus College Rep.

John & Lisa Bruns

### Prairie Manor Rep.

Julie Peterson

### 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

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