



First Lutheran Church

Welcome. We are happy you are here!

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Sunday, March 16, 2025 · Second Sunday of Lent



Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

PRELUDE

She Moved through the Fair - Irish Traditional

Karen Bimberg & Peggy Hammerling

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

Baptized in Water

vs. 1 & 3 ELW #456

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Name of Baptized: *Briella Christine Giwoyna* | **Parents:** MiKayla Borah & Jeric Giwoyna

Sponsors: Matteya Borah, Noah Borah, Jordyn Johnson, Rylee Johnson

Name of Baptized: *Madelyn Christine Paul* | **Parents:** Jaelynn Jensen & Ethan Paul

Sponsors: Jase Jensen, Jenner Jensen, Bailey Paul, Rylee Johnson

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, ...

C: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

MUSICAL MESSAGE

Holy Water

Worship Team

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 118:26-29

R: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

R: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

C: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL MESSAGE*The Star of the County Down - Irish Traditional**Peggy Hammerling***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***ELW pg. 205*

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL*Luke 13:31-35*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.' ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

P: this is the Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON*Pr. Joe Skogmo***HYMN OF THE DAY***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**vs. 1-2 ELW #596*

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

NOISY OFFERING*March: Becker County Food Pantry***OFFERING****OFFERTORY SONG***Holy, Holy, Holy**ELW #473*

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

COMMUNION**Words of Institution****Lord's Prayer**

C: 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; and 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.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

House of the Lord

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea.
Our God, He holds the victory.

Chorus: There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today, and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise!

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise!

Oh,oh, oh, we shout out Your praise!

We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung up on that cross, then He rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.

Chorus 2: There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today, and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise!

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise!

We were the beggars, now we're royalty.
We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

'Cause we were the beggars, now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

Chorus 2: There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today, and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise!

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise! (Repeat Chorus 2)

Oh,oh, oh, we shout out Your praise!

SENDING P: Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKS

Thank you, FLC faith community, for eagerly picking up the Lenten Devotional Booklets – hopefully by now you are reading and reflecting on each day's devotion. If you have missed the booklet, check with Sara in the office.

A special "thank you" to Ava Susag for her original artwork on the cover of the booklet. The booklet would not have happened without the "labor intensive work" of Gary Goreham and Sara Peterson – "thank you" for that effort!

And to all the devotion writers . . . "thank you" for taking our "faith and play" theme and incorporating it into your words and reflections. Blessings to all for making this opportunity happen!

EASTER FLOWERS

Spring is on it's way & it's time to start thinking of flowers! We are once again offering the opportunity for you to sponsor Easter flowers in honor/memory of your loved ones. The flowers will enhance our worship celebration on Easter Sunday. Order forms can be found on the volunteer table or scan the QR code. Deadline to order is **April 6**.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap meets at Bucks Mill on the first & third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Our next gathering will be on **March 18**.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

As we continue our focus on Love Your Neighbor, we invite you to join us for a presentation by the Becker County DAC on **Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 am** in the library. We will hear how the Becker County DAC empowers adults with disabilities to thrive in the community & learn about ways you can help.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are needed for the upcoming 2nd grade Service Project supporting the Humane Society of the Lakes. They are requesting donations of the top 3 most urgent needs: Kitty litter, canned puppy food and canned kitten food. Please bring items to the church office by **3/19**.

PIE AUCTION

The annual YMF pie auction is on Sunday **April 6**. We need people to donate pies, if you are able to donate, please sign up at the volunteer table or scan the QR code below. The proceeds of the auction will help fund the youth trip to South Dakota this summer.



CREATION CARE TEAM

FLC Creation Care Team (CCT) invites you to a meeting on **Monday, March 24, at 6:30 PM** in the Church Library. Join the CCT to discuss actions we can take locally to make an impact globally. Come and see what the FLC Creation Care Team will be working on in 2025.

NOW HIRING

Do have a passion for people? Are you looking for a part-time job with *flexible hours*? FLC is currently looking to hire a part-time Parish Nurse. A full job description and application can be found on our church website: firstlutheranchurch.com. If you have questions about the position, please speak to Pr Joe.



CREATION CARE NOTE

If you are reseeding your lawn, check out low-grow fescue mixes. Studies by the University of Minnesota show fine fescue mixes are a viable alternative to traditional bluegrass and require less maintenance.

Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegscheid, Cole Woltjer, Joyce Gilbertson, Doreen Tollefson, Judie Wood, Nyah Visser, Tim Goff, Marge Prechel, Tom Tovson, and baby Thatcher Warfield, Vern

Prayers of comfort for the families of Ken Christianson and the family of baby Holly Kathleen Colby.

GIVE ONLINE

Prefer electronic giving?

Set up an automated method and frequency that works best for you by using the **QR code**.

Then, if you like, drop the **green laminated slip** in the offering plate as it passes.



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Sundays at 10AM on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM

ON-LINE

Live streamed on Facebook and on the FLC YouTube channel.

TELEVISION

Saturday at 9AM on Arvig Cable ch14.