

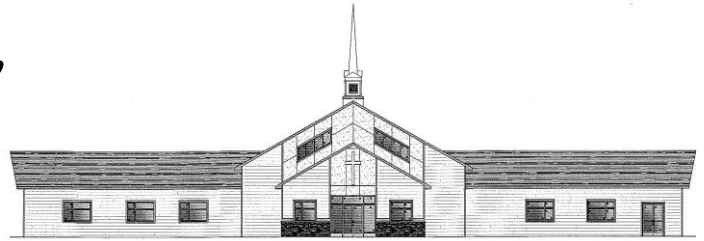
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

***Call to Worship**

P I was glad when they said to me.

C Let us go to the house of the Lord. †

***Opening Hymn #296 (LBW) – Just as I Am, without One Plea**

***Prayer of the Day**

***Confession of Sin**

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice but you take no delight in burnt offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit, a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness, in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

***Promise of Grace**

First Reading: Micah 6:3-4, 5b-8

The Lord says, "My people, what have I done to you? How have I been a burden to you? Answer me. **4** I brought you out of Egypt; I rescued you from slavery; I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to lead you. **5** Remember these things and you will realize what I did in order to save you." **6** What shall I bring to the Lord, the God of heaven, when I come to worship him? Shall I bring the best calves to burn as offerings to him? **7** Will the Lord be pleased if I bring him thousands of sheep or endless streams of olive oil? Shall I offer him my first-born child to pay for my sins? **8** No, the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about Christ's death on the cross is nonsense to those who are being lost; but for us who are being saved it is God's power. **19** The scripture says, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and set aside the understanding of the scholars." **20** So then, where does that leave the wise? or the scholars? or the skillful debaters of this world? God has shown that this world's wisdom is foolishness! **21** For God in his wisdom made it impossible for people to know him by means of their own wisdom. Instead, by means of the so-called "foolish" message we preach, God decided to save those who believe. **22** Jews want miracles for proof, and Greeks look for wisdom. **23** As for us, we proclaim the crucified Christ, a message that is offensive to the Jews and nonsense to the Gentiles; **24** but for those whom God has called, both Jews and Gentiles, this message is Christ, who is the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** For what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and what seems to be God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise #551 (LBW) – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, **2** and he began to teach 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 be shown mercy. **8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. **10** Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #327 (LBW) – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

*Words of Institution

Communion

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn #534 – Now Thank We All Our God

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



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Pianist: Sherry Wirth
Reader: Kiley Munson
Communion Asst: Kevin Kamm
Greeters: Jodi & Tristan Barney and Chris & Liane Petersen
Ushers: Josh Buhr & Bill McIntire
Altar Guild: Diane Paulson
Counters: Kevin Kamm & Richard Selvig
Fellowship Servers: Bill & Linda McIntire
January 25th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 22; 10:00 AM – 122

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. All are invited to a time of fellowship in the hall after worship.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Brian Wick, Tiffany Wagner, Carrie Buhr, and Levi Ramsey. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Annual reports are available this morning following worship. The Congregation's Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, February 8th, after a shortened second service followed by potluck.

My Devotions family devotionals are available to pick up in the entry. Use this resource to bring Christ into your home every day with your children.

Bible Camp registration at WAPO in Amery is now open. First Lutheran has received a customized link for parents, which will direct you to our specific, reserved dates at the camp. That link can be found on the church website, Facebook page, or typed in directly: <http://lwlbc.com/first-cl>.

Possible Christian Parenting Class to be held on Wednesdays if there is enough interest. Twelve session video course on what kids need to thrive as followers of Christ. Good for parents, grandparents, and all family members. Sign up today.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

Snow Shoveling Volunteers are needed. Volunteers are asked to sign-up on the sheet at the back of worship for a week time slot. If it snows that week please remove all from the walkways as shown on the shoveling map with the sign-up. When the building is open, there are shovels and ice melt available otherwise plan to bring your own equipment.

THIS WEEK

Today 11:00 AM-Fellowship

Tuesday 9:00 AM-Quilting

Wednesday Fellowship & Fun Night

5:30 PM-Supper

6:00 PM-Fellowship & Fun

6:15 PM-7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

6:15 PM-High School Bible Study

7:30 PM-9th Grade Confirmation

Saturday 7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study

8:30-11:30 AM-Women's Event: Abundant Grace

Next Sunday 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship

9:30 AM-Fellowship

10:00 AM-Sunday School

10:00 AM-Traditional Worship

10:30 AM-ANNUAL MEETING

11:00 AM-Potluck

Abundant Grace

Women's Event

*Three hours.
Two Speakers.
One Purpose.*

February 7th, 2026 8:30am-11:30am

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