

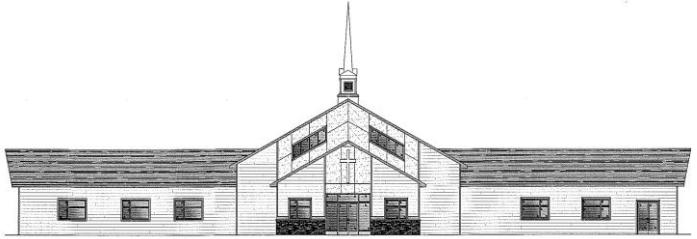
First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

*Call to Worship

P O Lord, open my lips.

C And my mouth shall declare your praise. †

*Opening Hymn #734 (WOV) – Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

*Prayer of the Day

*Confession of Sin

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against you. Some of my sin I know – the thought and words and deeds of which I am ashamed but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may have peace.

*Promise of Grace

First Reading: Genesis 3:1-8

Now the snake was the most cunning animal that the Lord God had made. The snake asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" 2 "We may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden," the woman answered, 3 "except the tree in the middle of it. God told us not to eat the fruit of that tree or even touch it; if we do, we will die." 4 The snake replied, "That's not true; you will not die. 5 God said that because he knows that when you eat it, you will be like God and know what is good and what is bad." 6 The woman saw how beautiful the tree was and how good its fruit would be to eat, and she thought how wonderful it would be to become wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, and he also ate it. 7 As soon as they had eaten it, they were given understanding and realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and covered themselves. 8 That evening they heard the Lord God walking in the garden, and they hid from him among the trees.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-16

Sin came into the world through one man, and his sin brought death with it. As a result, death has spread to the whole human race because everyone has sinned. 13 There was sin in the world before the Law was given; but where there is no law, no account is kept of sins. 14 But from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, death ruled over all human beings, even over those who did not sin in the same way that Adam did when he disobeyed God's command. Adam was a figure of the one who was to come. 15 But the two are not the same, because God's free gift is not like Adam's sin. It is true that many people died because of the sin of that one man. But God's grace is much greater, and so is his free gift to so many people through the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ. 16 And there is a difference between God's gift and the sin of one man. After the one sin, came the judgment of "Guilty"; but after so many sins, comes the undeserved gift of "Not guilty!"

Children's Message

Lenten Hymn #699 (WOV) – Blessed Assurance

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:13-23**

"Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate to hell is wide and the road that leads to it is easy, and there are many who travel it. **14** But the gate to life is narrow and the way that leads to it is hard, and there are few people who find it. **15** "Be on your guard against false prophets; they come to you looking like sheep on the outside, but on the inside they are really like wild wolves. **16** You will know them by what they do. Thorn bushes do not bear grapes, and briars do not bear figs. **17** A healthy tree bears good fruit, but a poor tree bears bad fruit. **18** A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a poor tree cannot bear good fruit. **19** And any tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown in the fire. **20** So then, you will know the false prophets by what they do. **21** "Not everyone who calls me "Lord, Lord" will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only those who do what my Father in heaven wants them to do. **22** When the Judgment Day comes, many will say to me, "Lord, Lord! In your name we spoke God's message, by your name we drove out many demons and performed many miracles!" **23** Then I will say to them, "I never knew you. Get away from me, you wicked people!"

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #746 (WOV) - Day by Day

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

Closing Hymn #780 (WOV) – What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pianist Amy Stender
Reader: Linnae Seaman
Greeters: Jodi & Tristan Barney and Chris & Liane Petersen
Ushers: Brad Ayer & Bert Petersen
Counters: Kevin Kamm & Tim Wyss
Fellowship Servers: Chris & Liane Petersen
Feb. 15th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM-26; 10:00 AM-115

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, Levi Ramsey, and Colt Bernstein, grandson of Linda Shafer. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Next Sunday, March 1st, both services will come together to enjoy: "Faith over Fear". The Youth in Christ (YIC) of United Lutheran Church in Prairie Farm will share a powerful message of hope, courage, and trust in God through original skits, scripture readings, and songs. The youth will use their gifts to encourage others and remind people that faith can overcome. They address real-life challenges faced by young people and families today, while pointing to God's constant presence and promises.

There are many ways to help. Please consider the sign-ups to cover snow shoveling, offering counting with a Council member, and the shed and canopy planning committees. Sheets are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

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.

Youth & Family Ice Skating

**Today, February 22nd, 4-6:00 PM
At Amery Ice Arena**

**\$5 for each family, \$3/person skate rental (or bring your own)
Concessions available, friends welcome**



Lenten Midweek Service

Week 1 – February 25th

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 2)

Candy Monson & Eva Wilson – Co-Chairpersons

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Hindu: A Drop Absorbed)

THIS WEEK

Today 11:00 AM-Fellowship
4-6:00 PM-Youth & Family Ice Skating at Amery Ice Arena

Monday 7:00 PM-Evening Grace Men & Women Bible Study

Tuesday 9:00 AM-Quilting

Wednesday 9:00 AM-Prayer Shawl Group
6:00 PM-Soup
7:00 PM-Lenten Service

Saturday 7:30 AM-Women's Book Study

Next Sunday 10:00 AM-Sunday School
10:00 AM-Joint Service featuring United Youth In Christ Group, Prairie Farm, WI
11:00 AM-Fellowship