



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM;
Fridays 7:30 AM—12:00 PM
Week of March 15, 2026



Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 9:00 am & 10:30 am, Wednesday 6:00 pm

Mission Statement: With God's love we will embrace one another, our neighbors and all creation.

JESUS said,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach:

Good News to the afflicted, the oppressed, the poor,
Release to the captives,
Recovery of sight to the blind,
Freedom to those who are in prison
Proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord
And today this has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4:18-21

All are welcome at First Lutheran Church! ALL!

You know the burdens you carry, what needs you have for love, acceptance, forgiveness, understanding, comfort, hope and renewal. Come and be welcomed, whether you are a long time member or a visitor who is searching or someone between all of these situations.

The Lord's Supper is offered believing that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the form of bread and wine. Jesus offers Himself to us for the forgiveness of sins, renewal of life and strengthening of our faith along with a taste of the feast to come in the fullness of God's Kingdom. Jesus offers Himself so that we may re-experience Him again and again in this Holy Sacrament. **ALLELUIA!**

Please know that YOU are welcome and invited.

to Coffee Fellowship following the 9 am Service and before the 10:30 am service, in the Fellowship Hall directly north of the Sanctuary. **Come!**

Gathering

Welcome to Healing
Confession and Forgiveness
Gathering Hymn “God, Whose Almighty Word”
ELW #673

Greeting
Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel Acclamation “Stay Here” WOV #667
Gospel: John 9:1-12
Time for Children “A Nice Warm Shawl”
Pastor Doug Larson
Sermon “You Want to Be Healed” Pastor Doug Larson
Hymn of the Day “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
See Screen

Apostles' Creed
Prayers of Healing
Moments for Mission

Meal

Sharing of God's Peace
Offering
Offering Prayer
Holy Communion
The Great Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Invitation
Distribution of Communion & Laying of Hands
Hymn “We Come to You for Healing Lord” ELW #617
Hymn “Thy Holy Wings” ELW #613
Hymn “Jesus, Remember Me” ELW #616
Post-Healing Blessing & Prayer
Sending of Communion

Sending

Benediction
Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church
Sending Song “On Our Way Rejoicing” ELW #537
Dismissal



Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent/ Service of Healing

**9:00am Worship Service w/Communion -
(Also available via Live stream on YouTube)**

- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00am Sunday School (PK-4th grade)
- 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3FM

10:30am Worship Service w/Communion

Monday, March 16, 2026

- 8:15am King's Men
- 3:00pm Community Meal Board Meeting
- 4:00pm Executive Committee Meeting
- 5:00pm Community Meal - Take out only
- 5:00pm Council Meeting
- 6:00pm Cub Scout Troup Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

- 8:00am Pickleball—Ladies Tennis
- 9:00am Girls Matter Period Workshop
- 9:30am Renewal Group Meeting
- 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- 12:00pm Community Lunch—Take out only
- 3:00pm Altar Guild Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

- 8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
- 3:30pm Youth CoffeeHouse
- 4:30pm Wed. Night Faith (5th -6th Grade)
- 5:30pm Family Dinner
- 6:00pm Lent Holden Service w/Communion**
- 6:30pm Affirmation Class (7th-8th Grade)
- 6:30pm Peer Ministry Class (9th Grade)
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 19, 2026

- 8:00am Pickleball—Ladies Tennis
- 12:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center
- 5:00pm Community Meal - Take out only

Friday, March 20, 2026

- 9:00am Quilting Ministry
- 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent/ Camp Sunday

**9:00am Worship Service w/Communion -
(Also available via Live stream on YouTube)**

- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00am Sunday School (PK-4th grade)
- 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3FM

10:30am Worship Service w/Communion



Sympathy Prayers



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

The friends and family of Ruth Hauge (former member of FLC) who passed away March 5, 2026. Ruth is the cousin of **Bev Gray.**

Bob and Jan Kolodji on the death of their son, **Dean. Bernie Roscoe** and family on the death of wife and mother, **Bea.** Bea's funeral will be in St. Peter at Trinity Lutheran on March 14th, at 11 am.

Let us keep them in our prayers and thoughts in the time ahead.

Radio Ministry—We invite you to consider sponsoring our weekly Sunday broadcast. FLC's **Sunday worship is aired at 10 am on KKIN FM Radio Station 94.3. The cost is \$40 per week**, but any amount will help. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

A very special Thank You to Pastor Doug Larson for sponsoring this week in honor of Barb Larson's birthday.

Holy Week Schedule 2026



First Lutheran Church

Palm/Passion Sunday

Worship—Sunday March 29th, 9:00 am only
 (Also available via livestream on YouTube at 9am
 and Radio broadcast on KKIN 94.3FM at 10am)

Wednesday April 1st — No Worship or evening activities

Maundy Thursday

Worship—Thursday April 2nd, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm
 3rd grade+ — First Holy Communion 7:00 pm
 5th & 6th grade, families & guests—Seder Meal 5:00 pm

Good Friday

Office closed

Good Friday Service—Friday April 3rd, 12:00 pm
 Stations of the Cross—8:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 5th

8:00 am—Easter Celebration
 No Coffee Fellowship

10:00am—Easter Celebration

(Also available via livestream on YouTube
 and Radio broadcast on KKIN 94.3FM)



ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 3/8 9:00 am 87
 10:30 am 13
 Wednesday: 3/4 6:00 pm 34

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of March 8 — General Fund

Offering : \$ 8,046
 Offering YTD : \$ 64,605
 Building Fund: (March) \$ 1,328
 Extra Mile Mission (March) \$ 5,313
 (Community Food Shelf)

5th & 6th Grade Seder Meal

You are invited to a special evening in your honor.

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Group picture - 5pm

Dinner - 5:10pm

(5th and 6th graders & guests only!)

Maundy Thursday Worship
 & First Communion - 7pm

Special people in your child's life are welcome to attend the Seder Meal Service (parents, siblings, grandparents, and baptismal sponsors,

Please RSVP to justinenordick@gmail.com, an exact table count by 3/27 so we can plan accordingly



GIRLS MATTER. PERIOD

Next workshop will be:
Tuesday, March 17
9 am

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

NEXT MEETING: March 19th
1 pm

EASTER RESURRECTION GARDEN FLOWERS

Let's celebrate Easter with a Resurrection Garden!

PLANTS

Purple Cyclamen\$15.00.....Qty. _____
 12 total for the 12 tribes of Israel
 Purple for the color of Lent and royalty (Jesus Christ is the King of Kings)

Red Tulips\$15.00.....Qty. _____
 10 total for the Ten Commandments
 Red for the blood of Christ

First come, First served. Only amounts listed are ordered.

Easter Lilies\$15.00.....Qty. _____
 12 total for the 12 apostles
 White for the color of Easter and the Holiness of God

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED \$ _____

Orders must be received by Wednesday April 1st.

Name _____ Envelope # _____

prayer LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER

Dave Paulson
Emily Forzani
Tony Carlstrom
Bonnie Mickelson
Maria Koslosky
Jan Werner
Bill Hakes
Diane Newstrom
Peggy & Stan Miller
Kristi Wetzel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

Ken Lebens
Karen Lueck
Milan Klitzke
Cal Raushel
Dorothy Smeltzer
Michael May
Jacob Mehr
Mark Olson
Juanita Nolan
Monte Olson
Craig Fawley
Herm Newton
Diane Rachey
Bev Gray
Kathy Dox
Jonathan Mickelson
Diane Landstad
Paul Martinsen
Bob & Jan Kolodji
Mary Peterson
Mary Webster
Beverly Rueger
Otto Sotnak
Don Schend
Bruce Nelson

*Nursery is open during the 9:00 AM service on Sunday mornings (8:45-10:15). The nursery is located off of the Fellowship Hall. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding the nursery. Parents who need to leave the service with children can still see the Sunday service on a TV in the nursery.

*Children are always welcome in worship. "Busy bags" with activities, a book, crayons and scratch paper are available on the wall across from the sanctuary. There is also a *pray ground* at the back of the sanctuary.

Today's worship is centered around the Service of Healing. As you entered today, you received a piece of paper. On this paper, you may write down any special concerns you have for yourself or others in terms of health or whatever. As you come forward for Holy Communion and a Blessing for Healing, you can leave the request in the special box. Only Pastor Doug will see them and he will pray over the requests each day for the next three weeks.



VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY
GET REGISTERED TODAY!
VLMCAMP5.ORG
--CAMPERSHIPS--
2026
SUMMER CAMP
FIRST TIME CAMPERS = 100% PAID BY FLC
RETURN CAMPERS = 50% PAID BY FLC
CONTACT FLC CHURCH OFFICE FOR SPECIAL CODES TO USE WHEN REGISTERING

Serving in the Military:



Silas Berg, Nicholas Bruesewitz,
Austin Burton, Nathan Hagestuen,
Josh Hagestuen, Luke Oaks, Logan Lueck,
Kurt Hagestuen, Wyatt Carlson,
Landon Todd, Gregory Wenzel

Next Week's Readings



Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Assisted Living Residents

Diane Landstad, Marlene Tholen; Shirley Hakes; Deloris Kosbau; Jerry Erlandson, Carol Harmon