



First Lutheran Church

Gathering to know Jesus, serving to make a difference!

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Outdoor Worship

Outdoor drive-in worship services have been conducted in the Iowa Great Lakes area for 76 years. This unique worship ministry began on May 22, 1949 at the Lakeland Drive-In Theatre that was located one mile north of Milford. This was considered to be the first outdoor worship service at a Drive-In Theatre in the United States! Today, we continue to provide this alternate worship experience for residents of the Lakes Area and those vacationing between Memorial Day and Labor Day.



Offering - Thank You!

The offering received at these services is used to support First Lutheran Church Ministry and the following Missions:

Hope Haven	Lutheran Services of Iowa
Habitat for Humanity	St Dymas
Bible Camps	Back Pack Program
Upper Des Moines	Church of Damascus Road
Discovery House	Okoboji Success Program
CAASA	Feed Just One



DRIVE-IN ATTENDANCE HISTORY:

FIRST OUTDOOR WORSHIP
05/22/1949 - 22 vehicles

RECORD
08/02/2020 - 265 vehicles

LAST WEEK
08/10/2025 - 110 vehicles

RESTROOMS

 are located inside the church.

Please enter the building on the NORTH side (facing the outdoor worship area).
Look for the sign on the door and follow the arrows!



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Welcome to Worship

August 17th, 2025

LIVE BROADCAST
FM 96.3

SUNDAY - August 17th

8:30am Drive-In Worship
9:30am Indoor Worship/Holy Communion
10:30am Fellowship

MONDAY - August 18th

6:30am Men's group OLBC
5:30pm Mission Team Meeting

TUESDAY - August 19th

9:00am Quilting
9:30am Ladies Bible Study
6:00pm BeFriender Meeting

WEDNESDAY - August 20th

9:30am Staff Meeting
6:30pm Kids at First

THURSDAY - August 21st

8:00am Men's Bible Study
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:30am First Friends at The Well

FRIDAY - August 22nd

Office closed

SATURDAY - August 23rd

Order of Worship

THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD*

Welcome and Announcements
Reading: Luke 12:49-56
Message: Pastor Perry Aalgaard

Confession and Forgiveness*

Affirmation of Faith
Offering

EYE OF THE STORM*

Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Benediction

HE WILL COME AND SAVE YOU*

**Lyrics are included inside the bulletin for these titles.*

Please wait to leave until after the last song.

THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD

Verse 1

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land
The battle belongs to the Lord
No weapon that's fashioned against us
will stand

The battle belongs to the Lord

Chorus

And we sing glory honor
Power and strength to the Lord
We sing glory honor
Power and strength to the Lord

Verse 2

When the power of darkness comes in
like a flood

The battle belongs to the Lord

He's raised up a standard the pow'r of
His blood

The battle belongs to the Lord **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

When your enemy presses in hard do
not fear

The battle belongs to the Lord

Take courage my friend your redemp-
tion is near

The battle belongs to the Lord **(Chorus)**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Lift your head weary sinner
The river's just ahead
Down the path of forgiveness
Salvation's waiting there.

You built a mighty fortress
Ten thousand burdens high
Love is here to lift you up
Here to lift you high

If you're lost and wandering
come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory open wide

If you're lost and wrecked again
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child

See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory open wide

ALL (Spoken)

**God of mercy, We confess that we are cap-
tive to our sin, by things we have done, and by
things we have left undone. We have clung to
our own ways and resisted Yours. We have
tried to break free by our own strength and
failed. We have doubted Your goodness,
forgotten Your promises, and feared we have
been abandoned. But You are the Way Maker,
You are the Chain Breaker. Forgive us, heal us,
and set us free. Amen.**

We believe it
We receive it
We can feel it
Amen *(repeat)*

If you got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker

EYE OF THE STORM

Chorus

In the eye of the storm
You remain in control;
In the middle of the war
You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor
When my sails are torn;
Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm.

Verse 1

When the solid ground is falling out
from underneath my feet,
between the black skies and my red eyes,
I can barely see.

When I realize I've been sold out
by my friends and my family,
I can feel the rain reminding me. **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

When my hopes and dreams are far from me

and I'm runnin' out of faith,
I see the future I picture slowly fade away.
And when the tears of pain and heartache
are pouring down my face,
I find my peace in Jesus' name. **(Chorus)**

Bridge

When the storm is ragin'
(When the storm is ragin')
And my hope is gone
(And my hope is gone Lord)
When my flesh is failin'
You're still holdin' on **(Repeat)**

The Lord is my shepherd I have all that I
need

He lets me rest in green meadows
He leads me beside peaceful streams
He renews my strength
He guides me along right paths
Bringing honor to His name
Even when I walk through the darkest valley
I will not be afraid, For You are close beside
me

HE WILL COME AND SAVE YOU

Verse 1

Say to those who are fearful-hearted,
"Do not be afraid";
The Lord, your God, is strong with His mighty
arms.
When you call on His name;
He will come and save.

Chorus

He will come and save you,
He will come and save you;
Say to the weary one,
"Your God will surely come,"
He will come and save you.

He will come and save you,
He will come and save you;
Lift up your eyes to Him,

you will arise again,
He will come and save you.

Verse 2

Say to those who are broken-hearted,
"Do not lose your faith";
The Lord, your God, is strong with His
loving arms.
When you call on His name;
He will come and save. **(Chorus)**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Creator of all
goodness and love. He is our God and
we are His people. We believe in Jesus
Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true
man. He was crucified, died, and was
buried for our sin that we might be free
and know the joy of life. He was raised on
the third day and ascended to heaven.
He will come again in power and glory to
judge the living and the dead. We be-
lieve in the Holy Spirit, the power of God
at work inside of us. We believe in the
church of God, His people of faith
throughout the world. We believe that our
sin is forgiven and that we will live togeth-
er with God for now and throughout eter-
nity. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

FIRST CONNECTIONS

FCN AS HEALTH EDUCATOR

The Faith Community Nurse serves as a reliable source of health information, offering education that supports physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness. Through one-on-one conversations, group presentations, bulletin inserts, or health-focused events, the FCN provides guidance on topics such as chronic disease management, nutrition, mental health, and fall prevention. The goal is health promotion and education. Scan the QR code for more info or go to our website at 3cross.org/faith-community-nursing/



POSITION OPENING

First Lutheran is seeking a Faith Community Nurse (FCN) to join our ministry team. The nurse must have an active RN license that allows the individual to practice in the state of IA and must have attended a FCN course or commit to taking a course in the near future. This unique, part-time position (20 hours/week) offers a meaningful opportunity to integrate faith and health, supporting the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of our congregational members. A competitive salary and part time benefits will be offered. Applications and resumes may be sent to perry@3cross.org. Applications can be found on our website at 3cross.org/careers/ or picked up in the church office.



August 17th, 2025

Cross-Generational Summer Outdoor Worship Event

Join us for a summer evening of informal worship and activities in our beautiful Prayer Garden
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

Worship | Fellowship & Snack | Activities

Wednesday, August 27th

Worship begins at 6:30pm with a snack and activities to follow

Sunday School 2025-2026

Register Now!

First Lutheran Church Creative Arts Ministry

Watercolor Painting

Thursday, August 28 6:00 p.m.

Join us to learn the basics of watercolor and create with talented water color painters, Carol Platt, Margaret Kindwall & Diane Dwier.

\$15. Supplies are provided and yours to keep!
Proceeds go to missions

Scan to register or sign up by narthex display

Beginning in September - BIBLE RECAP
Reading through the Bible in a year!

Learn more on Rally Day, **September 7th!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- *Judy Anderson as she mourns the passing of her husband Richard (Dick) Anderson.
- *The many First Lutheran friends and family that are battling cancer.
- *Our companion congregations of San Pablo Lutheran Church in Chile, the Southern Diocese in Tanzania, Pueblo de Dios in Argentina, St. Dysmas in Sioux Falls, and Grace Lutheran in Primghar, IA.

Field Trip to St. Dysmas Prison Congregation

Thursday, August 28th

4PM LEAVE First Lutheran
10PM RETURN to First Lutheran

*Background checks are due by August 7th
Scan the QR code to sign up or contact Pr. Brian

Detach CONNECT CARD and give to the ushers

CONNECT

We're so glad you joined in worship today! If you're a visitor, we'd love to get to know you a little. Feel free to fill out this card and place it in the offering.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I'd like to chat with a Pastor to learn more about this church

Detach PRAYER CARD and give to the ushers

PRAYER

Please let us know how we can be supporting you, your loved ones, or something close to your heart in prayer.

Prayer Request: _____

Please have a Pastor contact me

This prayer request can be shared with the First Lutheran Prayer Team