

First Lutheran Church, Amery

A people and a place of grace.



Jesus said, "When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw all people to myself."

Welcome to worship!

All are welcomed. All are loved.

*Our mission is to know Jesus
and to make Jesus known. John 17*



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Jn. 17

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS, SONG: Sanctuary
 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS, PSALM 51:1-13** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. **Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.** And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment. **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.** For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly. **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.** Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. **Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SONGS: Humble Thyself/Awesome God, GREETING

KYRIE.....Red 157, Now the Feast.....Red 167

PRAYER Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. **Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5:5-10 Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have

begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

HYMN: The King of Love.....Red 508

John 12:20-33 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN COME FORWARD, SERMON

OFFERING, PRAYERS,

CELEBRATION OF LORD'S SUPPER, LORD'S PRAYER

Softly and Tenderly Red 608, Beneath the Cross Red 339, Music

BLESSING The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **We will! Thanks be to God.**

We thank you for all of your faithful stewardship!

We just spent \$10,000 on 2 furnaces (Fellowship Hall & Bell Tower)

\$5000 for F.H. a.c. If you would like to give to the furnace fund,

we would greatly appreciate it. Thanks!

Ministers: All Members of the Church
Music: Beth Ray, Julie Hanlon-Johnson
Lector: Mary Lou Wold

Pastor Tim Bjorge (H) 715-268-5557
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Communion Help: Elaine Meyer & Needed

Coffee Helpers: Ruth Circle **Communion Bread:** Larry & Julie Riemenschneider



PRAYERS: Matt & Darnell Dunham, Dorie Peters, Rose Gilbertson, Shari Johnson, Doug Gunderson, Barb Weisman, Delores Barr, Lynn Albee, Mark & Linda Mueller, Shane Larkin, Amanda Gates, Ally Fox, Darrel Rothe, Jessica & Julie Heiden, Ruth Hard, Marlin Swanson, Jim Smith, Mary Ames, Glenn Stevermer, David Mork, Anonymous, Ron Hahn, Kelly Fitzgerald, Jackie Wenzel, Becky Martell, Kathy Hetzel, Jon Pankonien (Sharon), Loretta Wittig (Mary Lou), Marty Rimestad, Dave Knutson (Rasmussen), Sally & Casey Haasnoot, Jason Amans, Patti & Bill Hansen, Tom Gust, Jeanine, Karen Swager, Tracy Viebrock, Diane Salls, Colleen (Marge), Julie DuBois, Kim Hilda, Scott Wolden, Logan Gullickson, Troy Lange. Schools, wars, natural disasters, mental health. **Care facilities:** Lila Ward, Andrew Larsen

Families: Julie Rust, Dennis Heiken, Eloise Heathfield, Mary Stevens, Al Bringewatt, Wrich family
Military: Jason Werlinger, Chase & Connor Clausen, Kathi Buss, Curtis Williamson, Nick Sorensen, Keilan Mehls, Lexi Boe.

FIRST FRUITS GIVING BEYOND FIRST LUTHERAN

Jesus' command is to go out to all nations with the saving love of God. (Mt.28)

In our 2024 budget, we commit ourselves to giving **\$10,000 to the ELCA** and **\$2,000 to Seminary Scholarship**. Please write on your envelopes or memos.

Please continually give to these categories until we meet our goals.

LOOSE COINS in our offering go to Northwoods Homeless Shelter.

Please give generously! 2024 Year to Date: ELCA \$1568; Seminary \$315

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SUNDAY 9am Worship 10am Coffee, Choir

Tuesday 9am-Noon Ironing Little Dresses for Africa

WED. 5:30 SUPPER (by Ruth Circle) **5:45 Bingo or Bible Study 6:30 Worship**

Thursday 8am Bible Study 8:30am Quilters 9:30am Ruth Circle

PALM SUNDAY 9am Worship 10am Youth serve breakfast



Happy Birthday

17 Gerri Bieniasz-Smith 18 Darrel Rothe
19 Anna Bjorge 20 Jodi Peters, David
Williamson 22 Charles Flanam
23 Kent Andersen, Rawson Yeske

Men in Mission Scrip will be sold in the office during the week and in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

EASTER FLOWERS: Please bring them in and let Karen know (in honor/memory). Thanks!