

First Lutheran Church, Amery

A people and a place of grace.



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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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: Morning Has Broken.....Red 556

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS, PSALM 62:6-8 For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him. **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.** In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge. **Put your trust in him always, O people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

KYRIE.....Red 157, HYMN: Now the Feast.....Red 167
Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 *Unlike other prophetic books that focus on the prophet's message, this book focuses on the prophet himself. The book of Jonah is really a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question: "On whom should God have mercy?"* The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 *In his letters to the Corinthians, Paul addresses many problems experienced by those who want faith to shape daily life. Here*

he insists that our future hope in Christ ought to affect the way we conduct ourselves in the present. Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

HYMN: You Have Come Down.....Red 817

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20 *Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as the gospel or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who recognize this good news will respond with repentance and faith.* Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN COME FORWARD

SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYERS

CELEBRATION OF LORD'S SUPPER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: Let Us....Red 471, O Bread....Red 480, Music

BLESSING

Go in peace. Be light for the world. **Thanks be to God.**

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Ushers: Glen & Bobbi Clausen

Acolyte:

Communion Help: Gwen Wold & Gary Ganje

Coffee Helpers: Ruth Circle

Communion Bread: Glen & Bobbi Clausen



PRAYERS: Schools, wars, natural disasters, mental health/addiction, Doug Gunderson, Shane Larkin, Dennis Heiken, Amanda Gates, Melanie Rootellis, Ally Fox, Darrel Rothe, Jessica Heiden & mom Julie, Shawn Barnette, Ruth Hard, Marlin Swanson, Al Bringewatt, Cheryl Williamson, Jim Smith, Mary Ames, Glenn Stevermer, David Mork, Anonymous, Ron Hahn, Kelly Fitzgerald, Jackie Wenzel, Becky Martell, Jim Anderson, Kathy Hetzel, Jon Pankonien (Sharon), Phil & Sharyll Smith (Amans), Loretta Wittig (Mary Lou), Eloise Heathfield, Marty Rimestad, Dave Knutson (Rasmussen), Sally & Casey Haasnoot, Mary Stevens, 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. **Care facilities:** Mary Bauer, Lila Ward, Andrew Larsen **Families:** Darlene Schraufnagel (Kathy & Lou), Linda Cords (Tony & Jackie Waalen family), Jerry Bjork (Linda T), Keith Millermon, Cathy Hagen. **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 Quarter Moon Acres.

Please give generously! 2023 Year to Date: ELCA \$11028; Seminary \$2805

Check out our app. Search store for First Lutheran Amery. Like First Lutheran Church of Amery on Facebook & Instagram to get news & updates. **Online giving is available.** (?-s ask Steve O)

CHURCH IN SOCIETY is collecting SNOWPANTS for the Amery Intermediate School, youth sizes 12-18 and small adult. Place them in the bin in the narthex. Thanks!

SUNDAY 9 WORSHIP 10 Coffee & Treats, Sunday School, Choir
Wednesday 5:30pm SUPPER, 6pm Youth, Confirmation, Hi League
Thursday 8am Bible Study 8:30am Quilters
Sunday 9am WORSHIP 10am Coffee & Treats, Sunday School, Choir

January is National Mentoring month— Kinship currently have 20 waiting mentees in Polk County, so our need for mentors is huge.



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

Happy Birthday

21 Ruby Christian, Jaxson Facchini
22 Larry Kresl
24 Sherry Peters