

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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*Jn. 17*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS, HYMN: Blest..Red 728  
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**PSALM 23** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. **He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.** He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.** You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**SONG: House of God Forever**

**GREETING, KYRIE: Hymn 157, FEAST: Hymn Red 167**

**PRAYER: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Acts 4:5-12** The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners Peter and John stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

**PIANO SOLO by Zach Osero**

**1 John 3:16-24** We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**HYMN: Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us.....Red 789**

**GOSPEL: John 10:11-18** Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

**CREED, CHILDREN COME FORWARD, SERMON  
OFFERING, PRAYERS**

**COMMUNION, Lord's Prayer**

**The King of Love Rd 502, Great is Thy Rd733, Music**

**BLESSING** Almighty God bless you, renew the risen life of Christ within you, and bring forth in you the fruits of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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**We thank you for all of your faithful stewardship!**

**We 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:** Gwen Wold  
**Communion Help:** Elaine Meyer & Gary Ganje  
**Communion Bread:** Steve & Gwen Wold

**Pastor** Tim Bjorge (H) 715-268-5557  
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**Usher:** Gary Hover, Shawn Barnette  
**Coffee Helpers:** Ruth Circle  
**Acolyte:** Lila Schuh



**PRAYERS:** Shannon Niccum, Gordy Reinking, Tim Crawley, Ally Fox, Nancy Swanson, Mark & Linda Mueller, Darnell Dunham, Dorie Peters, Don Cody, Doug Gunderson, Francine Marlow, Delores Barr, Lynn Albee, Shane Larkin, Amanda Gates, Darrel Rothe, Jessica & Julie Heiden, Ruth Hard, Jim Smith, Mary Ames, Glenn Stevermer, 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.  
**Care facilities:** Lila Ward, Andrew Larsen, Sue Johnson. **Families:** Diane Kaufmann, Scott Sigsworth, Jim Dierke, Jeff Haug, Jonathan Landham (Sorensens), Sarah Gordon (Diane M.), Barb Weisman (Janet Burke). **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 \$3206; Seminary \$561**

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)

**Today: 9am Worship 10am Coffee/Treats, Choir, Sunday School**

**Monday: 11am Funeral for Scott Sigsworth**

**Wednesday: 5:30 Youth/Family Supper 6pm Confirmation, Youth, Hi League**

**Thursday: 8am Bible Study 8:30am Quilters PORK DINNER 4:30-6:30**

**Sunday: 9am Worship Prairie Farm Lutheran Youth lead worship**

**10am Coffee & Visitation, Choir, Sunday School, 11am Dierkes' Service**



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

### Happy Birthday

22 Mark Johnson, Norm Osero  
23 Alan Amans, Skylar Chelberg  
24 Collette Earley Schalz, Melissa Lee  
26 Brandon Witt 27 Taylor Yetter

### Happy Anniversary

24 Ernie & Bev Hallstrom (31 years)  
24 Gary & Marge Hover (54 years)