



First Lutheran Church of Spirit Lake, Idaho

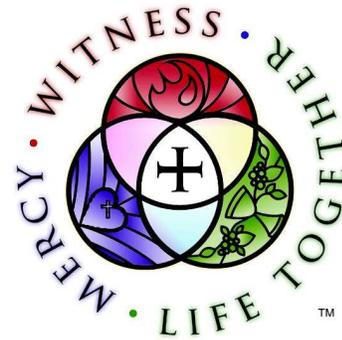
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Introduction

First Lutheran Church of Spirit Lake is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). “Synod” comes from Greek words that mean “walking together.”

LCMS members live and work together to proclaim the Gospel and to provide for our brothers and sisters in Christ in our congregations, communities, and throughout the world. And in all that we do, Christ is at the center, leading us, sustaining us, keeping us focused on our mission. The LCMS Witness, Mercy, Life Together logo shown here expresses this emphasis for the church.



For more information about LCMS, go to
<http://www.lcms.org>.

In the course of our walk together, the congregation at First Lutheran Church of Spirit Lake celebrates the seven traditional mysteries of the Christian faith:

Two Sacraments...

- † Baptism
- † Holy Communion

and

Five Sacramental Rites...

- † Confession
- † Confirmation
- † Anointing for Healing
- † Holy Matrimony
- † Ordination

Baptism – We practice infant Baptism when the child’s parents or guardians agree to raise the child as a Christian. Older children and adults can be Baptized as well, as long as they believe

and confess their faith in Jesus Christ. Call the Pastor for pre-Baptism discussions and to arrange for Baptism.

Holy Communion – Every time we gather for worship we remember Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross, we eat His Body and drink His Blood (under bread and wine), and we receive forgiveness for our sins. All adults who accept Jesus as their Savior and recognize the presence of His Body and Blood in the bread and wine are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children of any age are also welcome to receive Communion after meeting with the Pastor to make sure they and their parents/guardians understand the basics of Holy Communion.

Confession – Group confession (without verbalizing one’s sins) and forgiveness is provided at the beginning of every worship service. For private confession, contact the Pastor.

Confirmation – The primary responsibility for instruction in the Christian faith rests with the heads of households, and their homes are the primary classrooms for studying Luther’s Small Catechism as an outline for learning about God’s Word, the Bible. Teaching the Ten Commandments, the Apostle’s Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and ensuring an understanding of Baptism, Confession, and Holy Communion are all part of Confirmation training. To supplement this home instruction, Confirmation classes are offered after Sunday worship for youth and adults.

Anointing for Healing – The Bible says in James 5:14 *“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”* This anointing is offered once a month after worship services. For individual anointing with prayers for healing, contact the Pastor.

Holy Matrimony – Christian weddings for traditional couples (one man and one woman) can be performed after a series of counseling sessions with the Pastor. Contact him to make an appointment.

Ordination – All Christians are ministers and members of the Priesthood of Believers (1 Peter 2:9). However, we recognize for public ministry only those individuals who have successfully completed their seminary education and are ordained by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). First Lutheran is privileged to be served by an ordained Pastor who was properly called by congregational vote.