

"Welcome to Worship"

God is here for you,
In the word and sacraments, in the love
of this community.

Welcome- it's great to have you here!
Thank you for choosing to worship with
us at First Lutheran today.

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14th, 2024

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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***Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service***

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #377 – Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! (vs 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the J Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(a moment of silence for personal reflection)

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of J Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise: ELW #595 – Jesus Loves Me!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

L.I.F.T. Littles – 'Deep and Wide' & 'I've Got the Joy'

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133 (please read responsively)

R: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C: "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

R: Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

C: Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

R: Offer the appointed sacrifices and put your trust in the LORD.

C: Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

R: You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

C: In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Here ends the Second Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

P: Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Luke** (Luke 24:36b-48)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #825 – You Servants of God (vs 1, 3 & 4)



Holy Baptism (pg 227):

Today we welcome **Oakley Michael Houselog** through Baptism
Parents: Jordan & Kiley Houselog
Sponsors: Kasey & Ashley Klosterman and Shane & Amy Cowell
Congratulations and may God bless you today and always!

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen

Offering / Offering Hymn: ELW #388 – Be Not Afraid (sing 3x)



Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving/Words of Institution

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymns: ELW #522 – As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #474 – Bread of Life from Heaven

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen

Benediction

P: The God of all grace j bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ELW #366 – The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done (vs 1, 3 & 5)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Welcome! It is GREAT to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today.

We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored today in memory of Jim Spicer by Gene Spicer.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We continue our healing prayers for Sarah Meyer, Kay Dubbelde and Erin (Hellie) Schroeder.

***** If you or someone you know has a Prayer Concern, please call the church office 825-5837 to have it listed in the bulletin and church webpage. You can also email the church office@firstlutheranpipestone.org.**

This Week’s Schedule (April 14th – April 21st)

Today: 9:30am – Worship at the church w/Holy Communion, live-streamed, LIFT Littles (PK-2nd gr) sing, Baptism; 10:45am - Bible Study; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor’s Prayer; 6:15pm - LIFT / Confirmation; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: AM – Pastor Ann at Synod meeting; 11:30am – FLCW Salad luncheon

Saturday: 9:00am – FLCW serves coffee in Jasper ELC for Shetek Conference

Sunday (CAMP SUNDAY): 9:30am – Worship at the church, live-streamed, w/Shetek Lutheran Ministries; 10:45am - Bible Study; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Noisy Offering for APRIL is being collected for: Lutheran Disaster Relief

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$1.45**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

April 2024 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,265.00
Weekly Offering – April 7th	

Weekly Offering – April 14 th	
Weekly Offering – April 21 st	
Weekly Offering – April 28 th	
MONTH-END TOTAL:	

Needed / week:
4-week month = \$5,316/week
5-week month = \$4,253/week

Extra offering books are available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take another book if you are running low!!

Simply Giving is also available online by scanning the QR code in the bulletin.

VISITORS – please feel free to scan the QR code (by Offering above) if you wish to give to First Lutheran today.

THANK YOU for giving!!



It's a BOY!!

Brandon & StePh AlFson welcomed Luka AlFson on Monday, April 1st, 2024.
 He joins 2 sisters: Brea & Makaia. His gRandPaRents aRe Scott & Carol Rudie
 CONGRATULATIONS to all!

We celebrate Holy Baptism today with the family of
 Oakley Michael Houselog.
 Welcome to the family of Christ here at First Lutheran, Oakley!!



Shetek Conference for Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 20th, 2024 from 9:30am – noon at the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church. First Lutheran FLCW will be helping to serve.
 See the posted flyers in the Narthex for more information!!!

Women of First Lutheran: Do you need some time for yourself? Come to the 2024 Synodical Women's Convention for some inspiration and refreshment. You will NOT be disappointed by the experience of worship. Speakers, displays and a little bit of business. The convention will take place on Saturday, May 4th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. For registration information, contact Kristy Henriksen. **Registrations are due by April 22nd!!**

Important Upcoming Dates & Events for Children & Youth in March

Wednesday, April 17th – 6:15-7:15pm – L.I.F.T./ Confirmation
 Sunday, April 21st – 9:30am CAMP SUNDAY
 Wednesday, April 24th – 6:15-7:15pm – L.I.F.T./ Confirmation

Pipestone County Hospice will be holding a six-week adult grief support group from April 2nd to May 7th at the Pipestone County Hospice House. Grief support groups allow individuals mourning the loss of a loved one the chance to come together in a safe environment to discuss their experiences. Mourners are given a space to share his/her thoughts and emotions. The group will discover coping skills, discuss identity changes and find support. Meetings will be on Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at the Pipestone County Hospice House.

For more information or to register please call (507) 825-6024.

Pipestone Women's Connection cordially invites you to a luncheon at the Christian Reformed Church (@ 800 2nd Ave. S.E., Pipestone) on **Monday, April 15, 2024.**

\$10 (includes tax & tip) * 12:00 p.m. – 1:30

First time guest tickets are complimentary.

FEATURE: Spring Fashion Show by Geyerman's

Feel beautiful in your own way! Come and enjoy our Spring Fashion Show by Geyerman's and view the amazing new fashion collections available! Be beautiful with Geyerman's.

SPEAKER: Jan Ostroot, South Haven, MN

Title: "Peace in Any Circumstance"

Jan will share how she discovered the secret of contentment no matter what crisis she faced.

Reservations for lunch and complimentary childcare by **Thursday, April 11th.**

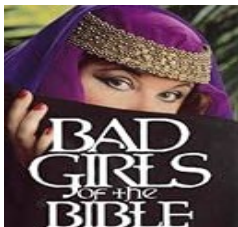
Please call * Rosie: 605-201-6484 * Marian: 507-820-1272 * Susan: 507-920-6675

CANCELLATIONS ARE NECESSARY by **TODAY!!**

This Month's Adult Education Tip:

To increase your biblical knowledge, you can go to youtube.com and search a variety of subjects. Some suggestions are: The Bible, Jesus, The Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther, a specific book of the Bible, etc. Many results will pop up, but you should be careful about what you choose to watch. Some videos are wonderful, with good information and praise of God, but others are not, with criticism of God and inaccurate information. If you are not sure if you are viewing something accurate, you can talk to Pastor Ann. Happy Watching!

From the Adult Education Committee



ALSO: Adult Ed will be holding a Bible Study following worship for 3 Sundays (**TODAY**, 4/21 & 28).

The topic will be 'Bad Girls of the Bible'.

Contact Pastor Ann or Robert Baerenwald if interested!

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS FOR 2024

ALL OF OUR SLOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED!!!!

Thank you SO MUCH for your continued support of our radio sponsorship ministry!

First Lutheran – YOU ARE ALL AMAZING!! 😊 Lori

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS HOME MEAL DELIVERIES

There are volunteers needed to deliver home delivered meals for Pipestone on Tues, Thurs. and Fri. If there are a couple of people on a route it is only 1 hour from 10-11. If there are businesses who promote volunteering, it would be great to get those, or churches who would like to help with any of those days & times?
All help is appreciated.

If you are interested, call Kristy at 507-822-7654. Thank you so much!



Quilts, Rugs & Cookbooks For Sale

If you are looking for some beautiful homemade gifts, check out the rugs and quilts in the Fellowship Hall. Quilts are \$50 and rugs are priced on their individual tags. Payments can be made to the FLCW and put in the office mailbox.
We also have church cookbooks available for sale too for \$5!!



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