

***"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.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 #449 – We Know That Christ is Raised**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the 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 † 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: Oh, How He Loves You and Me - (on last page of bulletin, 2 times thru)**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that  
we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hearing God's Word**

### **First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So, he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So, Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

### **Psalm 22:25-31 (please read responsively)**

R: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**C: For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

R: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**C: Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

R: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

### **Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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 **John** (John 15:1-8)

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW #445 – Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



### **Holy Baptism** (pg 227):

Today we welcome **Hazel Rae Royer & Olivia Ruth Royer** through Baptism

Parents: Andrew & Kayla Royer

Sponsors: Madison Struck & Tanner Welsh (Hazel)

Reid & Melanie McGraw (Olivia)

*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 2x)

**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.**



**Lord's Prayer**

***Benediction***

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

**Sending Hymn:** ELW #537 – On Our Way Rejoicing

Dismissal

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

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

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored today in memory of Jan Harkema by Darlene Muller.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We send prayers to Pastor Ann’s sister, Meg Petra who had surgery on her rotator cuff. We also continue our healing prayers for Sarah Meyer and Kay Dubbelde.

\*\*\* 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).

This Week’s Schedule (April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>)

Today: 9:30am – Worship at the church, live-streamed, Royer Baptisms; 10:45am – Final Bible Study; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor’s Prayer; 6:15pm – LAST night of LIFT / Confirmation; 7:00pm – Committee meetings;

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIMES:** 12:30pm & 8:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Friday: City-Wide Rummage

Saturday: City-Wide Rummage; 8am-3:30pm – SW MN Synod Women’s Convention in Redwood Falls

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship at the church, w/Holy Communion, all LIFT kids sing, 3-yr old Bibles, live-streamed; 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: **\$22.16**

**THANK YOU** for your support of these important Outreach needs.

<b>April 2024 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$21,265.00</b>
Weekly Offering – April 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – April 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – April 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Weekly Offering – April 28 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>MONTH-END TOTAL:</b>	

**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!!

We celebrate two Holy Baptisms today with the family of  
Hazel Rae & Olivia Ruth Royer.  
Welcome to the family of Christ here at First Lutheran, Hazel & Olivia!!



### **Important Upcoming Dates & Events for Children & Youth in April & May**

Wednesday, May 1st – 6:15-7:15pm – LAST NIGHT OF L.I.F.T./ Confirmation  
Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – All LIFT kids sing

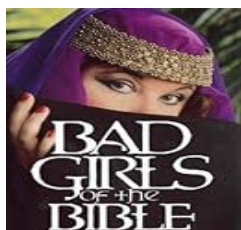


***PLEASE NOTE:*** Our weekly service is broadcast on the Pipestone  
public access cable television channel 3:  
**NEW TIMES BEGINNING 5/1/2024 –  
Wednesday's at 12:30pm and 8:00pm.**

#### **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 their FINAL Bible Study  
following worship **TODAY**.  
The topic is 'Bad Girls of the Bible' featuring Delilah.

#### **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?

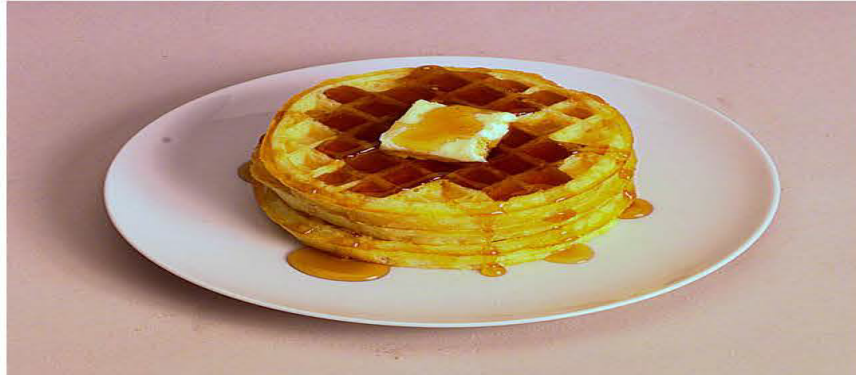
All help is appreciated.

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!!



## **DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BRUNCH**

**PIPESTONE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER FUNDRAISER**

**SERVING ALL YOU CAN EAT WAFFLES, SAUSAGES,  
FLAVORED SYRUPS, AND BEVERAGES**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024**

**8:30 am. – 12:30 pm.**

**LOCATION: ST. LEO'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL  
415 SOUTH HIAWATHA AVE. PIPESTONE, MN.**

### **COST:**

**ADVANCED TICKETS:**

**ADULTS \$10.00**

**CHILDREN 6-12 YEARS \$5.00**

**FREE CHILDREN 0-5**

**AT THE DOOR:**

**ADULTS \$12.00**

**CHILDREN 6-12 \$6.00**

**FREE CHILDREN 0-5**

**ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PIPESTONE SENIOR CENTER  
AND FROM ANY SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS  
PHONE (507) 825-3252**

**CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE  
SILENT AUCTION AND PLANT SALE WILL BE HELD**



# RUMMAGE

# SALE

## Rental space

**Are you in need of a space to have your rummage? One where you don't need to worry if it rains or if it's cold & windy?**

**We have a solution for you....**

**First Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall!!**

**For a \$25.00 space fee you get:**

**~16x8 foot space which includes two 8-foot banquet OR round tables w/chairs**

**~Restrooms**

**~Climate (& weather) controlled!**

**~Set-up is on Friday (5/3) from Noon - 4:00pm**

**~Hours for selling: 5/3/24 - 4:00-7:00pm**

**5/4/24 - 8:00am - Noon**

**(enter thru doors on 7<sup>th</sup> Av. SW across from SW Park)**

### **You provide:**

**\*bags for any purchases**

**\*workers for your rummage space**

**\*Cash for your sales**

**\*Racks if you need to hang items**

**\*You set-up and you take down (please take any unsold items with you)**

**If you are an organization and have any baked goods you would like to sell, our kitchen space is available as well.**

**To sign up, call Lori at 507-825-5837**

**For any questions, contact Cristy Appel at 507-215-1738**

# Oh, How He Loves You and Me

KURT KAISER

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1. Oh, how He loves you and me,

Oh, how He loves you and me.

He gave His life, what — more could He give?

Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;

Oh, how He loves you and me!