

"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.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7th, 2024

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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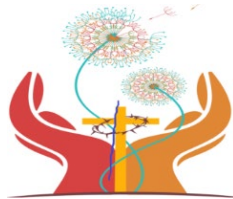
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***Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service***

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

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

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: The Wonderful Cross

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.

Kyrie: pg 147

Hymn of Praise: pg 149

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Psalm 133 (please read responsively)

R: How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

C: It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up on the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

R: It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 20:19-31)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may

come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: This Is Our God

Responding to God's Word

Apostle's Creed

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: Make Me a Servant



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: ~Come Just as You Are ~ All Who Are Thirsty
~Come, Jesus, Come**

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 † bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: In Christ Alone

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 Ray Pierson by Mavis Pierson.

† 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 7th – April 14th)

Today: 9:30am – Worship at the church w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Tuesday: 8:30am – Ministerial meeting

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor’s Prayer; 6:15pm - LIFT / Confirmation; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3); 7:30pm – Church Council meeting

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting.

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

Noisy Offering for FEBRUARY & MARCH was collected for: The local Food Shelf

The total amount collected for the local Food Shelf was: **\$2,977.57**

These funds will also be matched – GREAT JOB FIRST LUTHERAN!!!!

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

March 2024 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,265.00
Weekly Offering – March 3rd	
Lent Wednesday Offering – March 6th	
Weekly Offering – March 10th	
Lent Wednesday Offering – March 13th	
Weekly Offering – March 17th	
Lent Wednesday Offering – March 20th	
Weekly Offering – March 24th (Palm Sunday)	
Maundy Thursday Offering – March 28th	

Good Friday Offering – March 29 th	
Weekly Offering – EASTER – March 31 st	
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!!



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 10th – 6:15-7:15pm – L.I.F.T./ Confirmation
 Sunday, April 14th – LIFT Littles (PK-2nd gr) sing during worship
 Wednesday, April 17th – 6:15-7:15pm – L.I.F.T./ Confirmation



The stork has been BUSY here at First Lutheran!!

It’s a boy for Eric and Danielle Ossefoort! Beau Isaac was born on Thursday, March 7th, 2024. Beau joins 2 brothers, Caleb & Wyatt.

Twin girls for Andrew & Kayla Royer! Olivia Ruth & Hazel Rae were born on Friday, March 22nd, 2024. Olivia & Ruth join 2 older sisters, Harper & Quinn
 CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU!

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.**

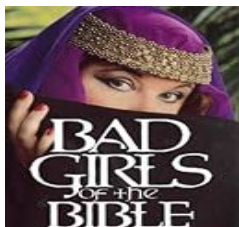
Please call * Rosie: 605-201-6484 * Marian: 507-820-1272 * Susan: 507-920-6675

CANCELLATIONS ARE NECESSARY BY SUNDAY, April 14th.

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 (4/14, 21 & 28).

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

Contact Pastor Ann or Robert Baerenwald if interested!

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS FOR 2024

If you have signed up for a recurring radio sponsorships in the past, **OR** if you would like to get signed up for a spot, please stop in to the church office, check the list posted in the Narthex or you can check it online (www.firstlutheranpipestone.org) for the 2024 sponsorship schedule. There are a few spots left. Cost of the Radio

Sponsorship is \$58.00 and is considered a donation so can be used as a tax deduction.

Please contact Lori in the church office if you have any questions or need to make any changes.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry through the radio sponsorship ministry! 😊

Open Radio Slots for 2024

May 12th

June 30th

December 15th

If you would like to sign up for any of the open radio sponsor slots, please contact Lori in the office or go to our website for the link to get signed up. **THANK YOU!!!**

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!!



Community 
Hymn Sing & Potluck


Join us for a hymn sing and potluck! Hymnals will be provided and song requests will be taken. Dari King BBQs, buns, paper products, and water/lemonade will be provided. Bring a side dish, dessert, or salad to share, if able. All ages welcome! Singing starts at 12:30. There will be a cash bar available.

Saturday, April 13th, 2024
11:30 AM to 2PM
Pipestone American Legion Hall

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