

"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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5th, 2024

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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

Welcome/Announcements/Presentation of Bibles

Call to Worship:

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

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #526 – God Is Here! (vs 1-3)

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: ELW #677 - This Little Light of Mine

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for
you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus
Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



****L.I.F.T. Singers: ~‘The B-I-B-L-E’**

~He’s Got The Whole World in His Hands

Hearing God’s Word

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So, he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98 (please read responsively)

R: Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C: O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

R: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

R: Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

R: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

R: The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Children’s Time

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **John** (John 15:9-17)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #742 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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: ELW #840 – Now Thank We All Our God (vs 1-2)



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 #779 – Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
ELW #838 – Beautiful Savior**

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: WOV #651 – Shine, Jesus, Shine!

(L.I.F.T. Singers singing the refrain, Congregation sing verses, ALL sing final refrain)

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 honor of McKenzie’s 21st birthday by Dave & Ellen Dulas.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We send prayers to Robert Baerenwald. We also continue our healing prayers for Pastor Ann’s sister, Meg Petra, 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.**

This Week’s Schedule (May 5th – May 12th)

Today: 9:30am – Worship at the church, live-streamed, w/Holy Communion, LIFT kids sing, 3yr old Bibles ; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor’s Prayer; 7:30pm – Church Council meeting; **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIMES:** 12:30pm & 8:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

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

Noisy Offering for APRIL was collected for: Lutheran Disaster Relief

The total amount collected was: **\$319.11**

Noisy Offering for MAY will go to the Food Shelf.

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

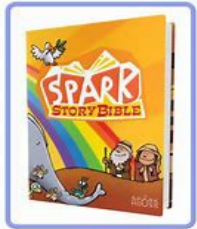
April 2024 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,265.00
Weekly Offering – April 7th	
Weekly Offering – April 14th	
Weekly Offering – April 21st	
Weekly Offering – April 28th	
	MONTH-END TOTAL:
	Difference from budget:

Needed per 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!!

CONGRATULATIONS to our 3-year-olds who are receiving their Bibles today!!!
~ Paul Fritz
~ Ainslee Wade

~ Richie Clark
~ Brenley Kendall



It's a boy for Casey & Lacey Fritz! Colton Fritz was born on February 7th, 2024. He joins a brother, Paul.
CONGRATULATIONS to the Fritz family!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the ladies who have helped with L.I.F.T. this year!!! Your work with the kids of First Lutheran is appreciated so, so much! Please know that your work will last them a lifetime.



- Tanya Schroyer
- Steph Alfson
- Erin Brockberg
- Danielle Barnet
- Kiley Houselog
- Danielle Ossefoort
- Marit Sterud
- Kristen Brockberg
- Samantha Davis
- Ingrid Wielenberg
- Naomi Gunnink



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.

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT with the Sioux Falls CANARIES

Baseball season is almost here, and we are looking forward to June for the Family Faith Night on Wednesday, June 19th in Sioux Falls. Be watching for more details in the next few weeks. If you are interested in tickets when they come available, contact the church office.



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

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

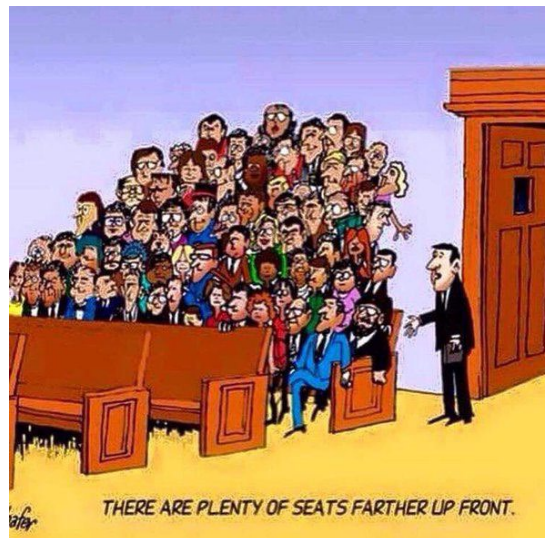
If you are looking for some beautiful homemade gifts, check out the rugs and quilts in the Fellowship Hall. Quilts are \$50 and rugs are priced on their individual tags. Payments can be made to the FLCW and put in the office mailbox. We also have church cookbooks available for sale too for \$5!!



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HAVE A WONDERFUL SUNDAY!!!



Extra copies of Flat Jesus and other versions of Jesus are available in the Narthex.

Color and cut out your Flat Jesus.

This summer, bring Flat Jesus with you on your adventures – to the park, your camping trip, and even the pool! Where will your journeys take you and your Flat Jesus?

Take pictures of Flat Jesus's summer adventures with you and your family!

Email the pictures to flcoffice5837@gmail.com so we can post Jesus' adventures to the church's website or Facebook page.