

"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.

Transfiguration of Our Lord
Sunday, February 15th, 2026
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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

Welcome/Announcements

LIFT Littles (JrK-1st gr) - This Little Light of Mine

Call to Worship:

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

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #838 – Beautiful Savior

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We worship 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the
truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is
faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 184

Hymn of Praise: pg 185

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So, Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Psalm 99 (please read responsively)

R: The Lord is king; let the people tremble. The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

C: The Lord, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.

R: Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

C: O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

R: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

C: Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord; they called upon you, and you answered them,

R: you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

C: O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

R: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So, we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all, you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 **Matthew 17:1-9**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the

Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #315 – How Good, Lord, to Be Here

Responding to God's Word

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LIFT Middles (2nd – 5th gr) – I Am a C

Offering Hymn: ELW #857– Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Radiant God, on the mountaintop you revealed Christ in glory before the eyes of the disciples.

Shine your light upon these gifts we bring, that they may reflect your love into the valleys of this

world. Through our giving, help us see more clearly the path you set before us. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son † and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW #671 – Shine, Jesus, Shine

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of George and all my loved ones by Mildred Carstensen.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We continue to send our healing prayers to: Carole Sommers, Paul Johnson, Lisa Henriksen (sister-in-law of Paul & Kristi Henriksen), Jackson Baumann, Meg Petra (Pastor Ann’s sister) & her wife, Lisa Riek, Ed Hansen, Becky Kaffar, Jacob Meyer (Sarah Meyer’s nephew), Mildred Carstensen, Kristy Henriksen, Curt Ilse, JoAnn Straw 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 (February 15th – February 22nd, 2026)

Today: 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed, LIFT kids sing; 2:00pm – SW Conference Assembly in Worthington, MN;
Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Monday: President’s Day (NO SCHOOL)

Tuesday: 12:00pm – Group Circle; Lori out of the office

Wednesday (Ash Wednesday): 8:15am – Pastor’s Prayer (hosting); 6:15pm – Ash Wednesday service; NO - LIFT/Confirmation

Thursday: AM – Pastor out of office for Synod Conf. meeting

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM); 4:05pm - Stampede game

February 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,505.53
Weekly Offering – February 1 st	
Weekly Offering – February 8 th	
Weekly Offering – February 15 th	
LENT - Ash Wednesday Offering – February 18 th	
Weekly Offering – February 22 nd	
LENT - Offering – February 25 th	
	MONTH TOTAL:

Needed per week (updated 2/2/2026):
 4-week month = \$4,377/week 5-week month = \$3,502/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!!

Noisy Offering for February 2026 is being collected for:

Pipestone County Food Shelf

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$31.29**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



February & March (match-month) Noisy Offering will go to the Pipestone County Food Shelf

A little more about the Pipestone County Food Shelf: Located @ 223 2nd St NW in Pipestone

Website for more information: www.pipestonefoodshelf.com

BELL TOWER REPAIR ASSISTANCE

The Property and Management Committee is looking for donations to help with fixing the bell tower water leakage problem. Donations can be made to First Lutheran Church by designating BELL TOWER in the memo line. Cost is estimated to cost \$23,000+.

Repairs expected to begin in the Spring.

Bell Tower Fund balance as of
2/09/2026: \$

THANK YOU to all who have
donated!!! We are getting close!!

During Lent, we are collecting items for the personal care kits. Please bring in any of the listed items and place them in the blue tote in the Narthex!!



Personal Care Kit items:

- 1 light-weight, dark towel
- 2 bath-size bars of soap
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in original package
 - 1 sturdy comb
 - 1 metal nail clipper



We are looking for a few volunteer drivers to take fellow members to appointments. If interested or if you have questions, contact Cristy Appel. THANK YOU in advance!

From the Adult Education Committee

If you have read any good biblical books or seen any good movies (or online stories) that honors or beliefs and our Lord, please write a review for our monthly newsletter & Sunday bulletin. Send it to Lori at the FLC office. We want to spread the Good News anyway we can plus we want to spread people's minds.

Thank You.



Communion Assistants, Lesson Readers and Acolytes are needed!!!

If you are able to help us out, **please** sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex OR you can sign up online by using the QR code to the left <<<.

You can also look to see the schedule for ushers as well – just by scanning the QR code with your phone!



Radio Sponsorships for 2026 are posted on the bulletin board by the office. If you have a recurring yearly sponsorship, please let the office know if you would like to change the date as listed on the schedule. There are **5 open slots (listed below)** so if you would like to get signed up for one, please add your name to one of the open slots on the sheet. If you would like to check your recurring sponsorship, OR sign up online, scan the QR code>>.



THANK YOU all who give to the radio sponsorship – it is a GREAT way to share the ministry here at First Lutheran!!

April 26th
June 28th

September 20th
October 11th

December 13th



First Lutheran is now on Instagram! We will do our best to keep things posted and updated as much as possible. We now have 3 areas of social media for you to get info from:

1. Website: www.firstlutheranpipestone.org
2. Facebook: First Lutheran Church ELCA
3. Instagram: flcoff.pipe

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First Lutheran Church Youth & Congregational Life Invite You!

CONGREGATION NIGHT

at the

STAMPEDE

HOCKEY GAME!



Sunday, February 22
Game Time: 4:05 PM

Join us for a fun night of fellowship and hockey with our church family!

TO CLAIM YOUR TICKETS:
Text or Call
MARIT STERUD
605-310-1244

Let's pack the stands and cheer on the Stampede!

25th Annual Hospice Benefit Fundraiser

March 28th, 2026
Pipestone Country Club

Dinner includes

- Our signature Cupcake Sweet Red Wine
- Charcuterie table-Prepared by Staci's Bar & Grill
- Salad
- Ribeye-Prepared by Pipestone County Cattlemen's Association
- Cupcakes-Goodies 4 U
- Lingen Dairy Ice Cream

Early bird tickets are \$55. After March 13th they will go to \$60

Social hour begins at 4 pm
Dinner at 6 pm
Live auction at 7:30 pm

The evening will also include a diamond give away sponsored by First Bank & Trust of Pipestone and the grand finale drawing for the iPad and the quilt.



Scan the code to purchase tickets or bid on our silent auction items.

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