

*"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.

**Nineteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
LIFT Kick-Off Sunday  
September 29<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 #731 – Earth and All Stars (vs 1, 2, 4 & 5)

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{j}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: 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  $\text{†}$  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 148**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Hearing God's Word**

### **First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So, Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua, son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 19:7-14 (please read responsively)**

R: The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**C: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

R: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**C: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

R: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

R: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

### **Second Lesson: James 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

***Children's Time / Blessing of the backpacks***

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Mark 9:38-50**

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

John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck, and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another."

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #595 – Jesus Loves Me!**

### *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 #821 – Shout to the Lord**

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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 #543 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

**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 thanks to the many ministries that churches offer by Jim & Bridget Benz.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

We send prayers for Bob Fritz, who has been hospitalized at Avera in Sioux Falls and prayers to Marge Christensen as she recovers from knee surgery this past week.

We also continue healing prayers for JoAnn Straw, 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 (September 29th – October 6<sup>th</sup>)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship at the church, Backpack Blessings, live-streamed; 10:30am – Bible Study; 11am – 1pm – LIFT Kick-Off @SW Park ; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Tuesday:** 1:30pm – Food Shelf meeting

**Wednesday:** 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 10:30am-noon – Pastor Ann (Text Study Zoom); 6:15-7:15pm – Confirmation/LIFT; 7:00pm – church committee meetings; 12:30pm & 8:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

**Thursday:** 9am-noon – Pastor Ann in Zoom meeting

**Sunday:** 9:30am – Worship at the church, w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; 10:30 am – Bible Study; PM – Pastor Ann gone to Fall Theol. Conference (Monday & Tuesday)

**Noisy Offering for SEPTEMBER is being collected for: THE BANQUET**

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$44.56.**

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

<b>September 2024 Offering</b>	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,265.00
Weekly Offering – September 1 <sup>st</sup>	

Weekly Offering – September 8 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – September 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Weekly Offering – September 29 <sup>th</sup>	-
<b>TOTAL:</b>	

**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!!

**JOIN NOW**

LIFT

*All are welcome*

Living in Faith Together

**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Church 9:30  
LIFT Kids Blessing

Parent Meeting 10:30 at the Shelter

LIFT Kick-off Party  
11:00-1:00 at Southwest Park  
Bouncy Houses  
Meal Provided

**LIFT Classes (PreK-5<sup>th</sup>)**  
Starting Wednesday, October 2  
from 6:15-7:15

**Sign up prior to Kickoff**  
Forms also available at the shelter




There has been some cleaning up going on downstairs and some things were found that some of you may be interested in. Rather than tossing them out, we thought we would let you all look through the items on the table in the office hallway and take what you would like – it is FREE for the taking. However, if you want to give a donation of any sort, please put any money in the Noisy Offering bucket to go for The Banquet, which First Lutheran Youth and adult volunteers will be serving in October. Items include: assorted wrapping paper & children’s books, VCR tapes (w/a few CD/DVD’s) and grandparent mugs.

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**FLCW 2024-2026 HANDBOOKS**

Ladies of First Lutheran, please make sure to grab your new booklets for 2024 to 2026!! They are in the Narthex and are in alphabetical order. Please contact the office if you can’t find yours. Any booklets that are not picked up will be mailed out this week.

# DEMENTIA AWARENESS WALK



**WHEN**  
**Saturday, October 5, 2024**  
**9am - Registration 10am - Walk Begins**

**WHERE**  
**The Schroeder Center**  
**205 - 2nd St. NW**  
**Pipestone MN 56164**

## DONATE BY CASH OR CHECK

Make all checks payable to *SW MN Dementia Awareness Network (SWDAN)*  
 and mail to:

**A.C.E. of SW Minnesota - Pipestone Co.**  
**1016 - 8th Ave. SW**  
**PO Box 307**  
**Pipestone MN 56164**

Call Jill Toering at A.C.E. of SW MN - Pipestone Co. at 507.215.6837 for information and other registration options. Or, scan the QR Code below:



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**THE CITY OF PIPESTONE TOWN HALL**  
*presented by:*  
**First Children's Finance**

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DATA COLLECTED AND THE CHALLENGES OF CHILD CARE LOCALLY. HELP IDENTIFY INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL CHILD CARE WORKFORCE, AND THE CHILD CARE SHORTAGE IN THE CITY OF PIPESTONE.

*This event is free & dinner is included!*

Register with the QR Code:



or with the link:

[The City of Pipestone Town Hall](https://www.cityofpipestone.com)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**

**Pipestone Country Club**

1003 8th Ave SE  
 Pipestone, MN 56164

5:30pm - Dinner  
 6:00pm - Presentation

Funding provided by:



Registration  
 deadline is  
 October 14th

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