

### *"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.

## **First Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**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 #438 – My Lord What a Morning**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**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.**

**(NEW Liturgy) Kyrie: pg 184**

**Hymn of Praise: pg 185-186**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray.

**C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Hearing God's Word

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

### **Psalm 122 (please read responsively)**

R: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**C: Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

R: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

**C: to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

R: For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

**C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

R: Peace be with in your walls and quietness with in your towers.

**C: For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

R: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

### **Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

### **Children's Time / Advent Candle (Hope) – music is on the screen**

### **Advent Hymn: ACS #905: We Are Waiting for Jesus (vs 1)**

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew 24:36-44**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day: ELW #436 – Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**

## *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**

**Offering Hymn:** ELW #253 – He Came Down

#### **Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of justice, as we offer what we have, we remember your promise to beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. May these gifts be used to build a world where peace and justice reign and where your love shines in every corner of the earth. Inspire us to walk in your light and to work for the well-being of all people. In the name of the Prince of Peace, 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** ELW #244 – Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

#### *Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **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 in memory of Virginia Spicer by Gene Spicer.

#### ***# Continuing Prayer Concerns:***

Prayers of healing to Sarah Meyer after her shoulder surgery this past week and our continued prayers of comfort to Scott & Gail Barduson. We keep in our prayers Mildred Carstensen, Kristy Henriksen, Curt Ilse, Joyce Kunz, 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).**

### **This Week's Schedule (November 30th – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; 1pm – Pastor at Good Sam; 2pm – Pastor at Ridgeview; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Wednesday:** 8:15am – Pastor prayer; 6:15 to 7:15pm – LIFT/Confirmation; 7pm – Church committee meetings

**Thursday:** 5:30pm – Executive meeting

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

<b>November 2025 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$21,150.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – November 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – November 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – November 30<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>MONTH TOTAL:</b>	
<b>Needed per week:</b>	
4-week month = \$5,288/week	5-week month = \$4,230/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 November & December 2025 is being collected for:**

### **Youth Project (Christmas Toy drive)**



The total amount collected was: **\$96.30**

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



For the Youth project, they are also collecting the following items as suggested through the SW Crisis Center. Items may be placed in the box in the Narthex. Gift Cards can be placed in the office mailbox for safe keeping. Any additional items will be purchased with the Noisy offering funds that are raised for the FLC Youth annual shopping trip:

#### **Gift Cards for Gas & Groceries**

- local grocery stores or gas stations

#### **Winter Items**

- Hats
- Mittens
- Gloves

#### **Gifts for Older Kids (Tweens & Teens)**

- LEGO sets
- Water bottles
- Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, volleyballs
- Nail & makeup items
- Board games
- Headphones

## 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 on memo line. Cost is estimated to cost \$23,000+. Repairs expected to begin mid-November.

## KAFFI-TI

Saturday, December 13th, 2025  
1:00 - 3:00p.m.



Join us in the  
afternoon!

at First Lutheran Church  
401 7th Avenue SW  
in Pipestone

### SCANDINAVIAN SPECIALTIES:

Rosettes, Krumkaka, Fruit Suppe,  
Sandbakks and Lefse  
OTHER BAKED ITEMS...  
American Christmas goodies!



Check out our other items:  
Quilts, Denim Rugs & Cookbooks

FEATURING Christmas cranberry cake with  
butter sauce!  
Come to shop, sit & enjoy Scandinavian treats,  
coffee & conversation!



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 11 open slots so if you would like to get signed up for one, please add your name to one of the open slots or 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!!



Pipestone Women's Connection cordially invites you to a luncheon at the Christian Reformed Church, Pipestone on **Monday December 8, 2025**.  
\$10 (includes tax) \*12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
First time guest tickets are complimentary.

**FEATURE:** Val Klumper, Linda Ewing and Keith Maine will provide a mini concert of Christmas music.  
**SPEAKER:** Heidi Studer Elder of Dent, MN "The Greatest gift of All". Heidi will illustrate the elements of gift giving as she shares about the most precious and greatest gift ever given to mankind.

\*Reservations for lunch and complimentary childcare by Thursday, December 4.

Please call DEB: 507-820-1456 \* MARION: 507-820-1272 \* SUSAN: 507-920-6675

CANCELLATIONS ARE NECESSARY BY SUNDAY, December 7.



## 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 <<<.



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](http://www.firstlutheranpipestone.org)
2. Facebook: First Lutheran Church ELCA
3. Instagram: flcoff.pipe

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Do you wish to contribute to the Poinsettia Fund this Christmas? Donations can be given in memory or in honor of your loved ones. These donations will be used to purchase an appropriate number of poinsettias to decorate the church, with the remainder of the funds to go towards other church projects. You may still bring in your own from home – just please make sure to put your name on it so you can take it home after Christmas.

If you would like to order or make a donation, please complete the following information & return this portion to the church office or the offering plate or go online to [www.firstlutheranpipestone.org](http://www.firstlutheranpipestone.org) to print one online or email to the church.

**NO LATER than Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

I will bring my own from home (**please bring to the church by Friday, December 19th, 2025**)

Here is a contribution to the Poinsettia Fund. Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include payment with this form.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribution is:**  **in memory of**  
(Please print clearly)

**in honor of**

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