

"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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter **Sunday, May 18th, 2025** **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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Scattering seeds of love, worship & service

Welcome/Announcements

- † Bibles to 3-year-olds
- † New Members

Call to Worship:

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

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #641 – All Are Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 138

Hymn of Praise: pg 139

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148 (please read responsively)

R: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

C: Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

R: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

C: Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

C: who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

R: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

C: fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

R: mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

C: wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

R: sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

C: young men and maidens, old and young together.

R: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

C: The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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 13:31-35**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #359 – Where Charity and Love Prevail

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 Song: ELW #857 – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God of new beginnings, you promise a new heaven and a new earth. As we give today, we pray that these gifts infuse peace, justice, and love for all. May our offerings be a step towards the vision of renewal that you have set before us. Through the power of your Son, we pray. Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Blessing

P: The God of all grace ♪ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ELW #379 – Now the Green Blade Rises

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.

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored today in honor of my granddaughter, Tia's wedding by Darlene Muller.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We continue our prayers of healing for JoAn VanderPol, 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.**

This Week's Schedule (May 18th – 25th, 2025)

Today (Mother's Day/Senior Sunday): 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; Three-year-olds receive Bibles, New members received; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Tuesday: Pastor Ann – Out of Office (Conf. mtg); 9:30am – Group Circle

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor's prayer; 7:30pm – Baccalaureate @St. Leo's.

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; 2pm – PAS Graduation; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

May 2025 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,150.00
Weekly Offering – May 4th	
Weekly Offering – May 11th	
Weekly Offering – May 18th	
Weekly Offering – May 25th	
MONTH TOTAL:	

Needed per week:

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.

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Noisy Offering for APRIL/MAY 2025 is being collected for:

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$247.17.**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



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 right >>>.



We welcome the newest members to our First Lutheran Church family!!

† Rose Anderson – Rose moved to Pipestone from Morris, MN in September 2024. Rose is a sister-in-law to Pat Clark.

† Taylor Dunn – Taylor is the daughter of Tom & Diane Dunn and the granddaughter of Marge Christensen. Taylor and her fiancée, Nick Paulsen will be married here at First Lutheran later this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 3 Year Olds who will receive their first Bible today!

† Mikaia Alfson

† Maddie Thode

† Aubri DeZeeuw



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

A note from Lori (in the office)

****THANK YOU to all who have been praying for Curt.** He was diagnosed with cancer on his tongue at the end of March. On April 28th, he underwent a 14-hr surgery to remove the tumor on his tongue as well as some lymph nodes. He is currently home recovering before we move on to the next phase of his cancer journey. I will be in the office as much as I can, otherwise, I am working from home as I care for him. Thank you to Pastor Ann who has been manning the fort while I work from home and to all who have offered to help where needed.

Save the Date
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
YOUTH EVENT

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT



JUNE 4, 2025
6:35

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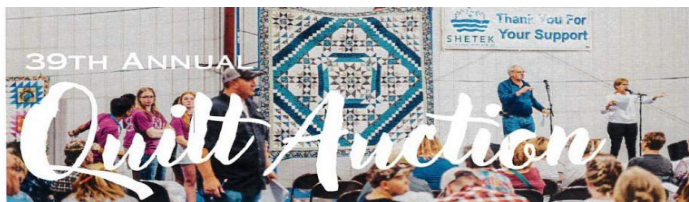
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SATURDAY,
JUNE 28, 2025
10:30 A.M.
in the Activity Center

- Pulled Pork Dinner 11a.m.-1p.m. \$10/person
- Hand Quilted and Machine-Quilted Quilts

Quilt Preview

Friday, June 27 - 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Picnic Supper 5:30-7:00 p.m. \$8/person

Saturday, June 28 - 8:30-10:00 a.m.
QUILTS AND QUILTED ITEMS CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT WWW.SHETEK.ORG



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