

*"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**  
**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: ELW #408 – Come Thou Almighty King**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L: We worship in the name of the Father, and of the 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.**

L: 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.

L: 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.**

L: 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**

L: 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 185-186**

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the  
prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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: Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals' life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

### **Psalm 66:8-20**

R: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

**C: Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

R: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**C: You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

R: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**C: I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

R: those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**C: I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

R: Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**C: I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

R: If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

**C: but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

R: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfulfilling love from me.

### **Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**Children's Time**

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **John 14:15-21**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #613 – Thy Holy Wings**

***Responding to God's Word***

**Apostle's Creed – pg 127**

**Prayers of the Church**

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer**

L: 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 #692 – We Are an Offering**

**Offering Prayer:**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Generous and loving God, we remember those who have encouraged, taught, forgiven, and loved us. Our offering today is a response to all that we have received. Use these gifts to lift and bless others, as you have so faithfully done for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

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**Lord's Prayer**

***Blessing***

L: 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 #449 – We Know That Christ Is Raised**

***Dismissal***

L: 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 honor of Brittney Gorter's first Mother's Day and in honor and memory of all moms by Thad & Debbie Reinert.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

Our continued prayers of comfort to the family of Mildred Carstensen. We continue our healing prayers to: Vera Newgard, Maverick Burkard, Kristy Henriksen, 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 (May 10<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

**Today (Mother's Day):** 9:30am – 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Wednesday:** 7:30pm – Church Council meeting; 12:00pm & 5:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

**Thursday:** 9:30am – Quilting

**Friday:** Lori out of office

**Sunday (Graduate Sunday):** 9:30am – Worship w/Pastor Heather Culuris, recognition of 2026 graduates, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

<b>May 2026 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$17,506.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – May 10<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day)</b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – May 17<sup>th</sup> (Grad. Sunday)</b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	
<b>MONTH TOTAL:</b>	
<b>Needed per week:</b>	
<b>4-week month = \$4,377/week</b>	<b>5-week month = \$3,502/week</b>

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 May 2026 was collected for:  
**Lutheran Disaster Relief/Response**



The total amount collected was: **\$17.16**

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

**A little more about Lutheran Disaster Relief:**

**Lutheran disaster relief provides immediate and long-term support to communities affected by natural and man-made disasters, combining emergency aid, recovery assistance and community resilience programs.**

**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  
5/8/2026: \$

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

**THANK YOU to all who helped to work at the Food Shelf last Thursday,  
Your work is appreciated more than you know!**

**Help Wanted: Person(s) to mow the lawn at the parsonage during the  
summer. Will need your own mower.  
Contact Mark Zinnel if you have any questions.**



**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!

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



Radio Sponsorships for 2026 are posted on the bulletin board by the office. There is **1 open slot (listed below)** so if you would like to get signed up, please add your name to the open slot on the sheet on the bulletin board by the office. If you would like to check your recurring sponsorship, OR signup 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!!

September 20<sup>th</sup>

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**Tuesday, June 16, 2026  
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: PipestoneMN to schedule an appointment.



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