#### "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.

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 21<sup>st</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 #655 - Son of God, Eternal Savior

**Confession and Forgiveness** 

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  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: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Hearing God's Word**

#### First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely, I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

#### Psalm 113 (please read responsively)

R: Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

C: Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

R: From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

C: The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

R: Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

C: but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

R: The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

C: enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

R: The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

#### Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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 Luke 16:1-13

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

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So, he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #705 – God of Grace and God of Glory

#### Responding to God's Word

#### **APOSTLES' 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.

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

#### **Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, we bring our gifts to you today, knowing that we are called to be faithful stewards of all you have given to us. Help us use our resources wisely, serve others with open hearts, and seek what is good for your sake. Teach us that where our treasure is, that is where our hearts will be, too. Amen.



#### **Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing** 

Sending Hymn: ELW #669 – Rise Up, O Saints of God

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.

<u>The Worship Radio Broadcast</u> is sponsored in memory of Dennis Hazelton on our wedding anniversary by Rita Hazelton.

**†** Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We continue our prayers of healing for Dwight Horton, Kristy Henriksen, Lynne Dalen, Penny Zastrow, 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 (September 21st – September 28th, 2025)

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; 10:30am – Adult Ed in Fireside Room, Liturgy Learning in Sanctuary; Radio:

10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Tuesday:** 1:30pm – Group Circle (Ice Cream Social)

*Wednesday*: 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 6:15-7:15pm – LIFT/Confirmation

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

**Saturday:** 8:30 to noon - WELCA Fall Conference at Shetek

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

September 2025 Offering		
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,150.00	
Weekly Offering – September 7 <sup>th</sup>		
Weekly Offering – September 14 <sup>th</sup>		
Weekly Offering – September 21st		
Weekly Offering – September 28 <sup>th</sup>		
	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.

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!!

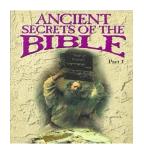
# Noisy Offering for September 2025 is being collected for:

# The Banquet in Sioux Falls

The total amount collected was: \$3.41

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

First Lutheran will be serving at The Banquet on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>!!



Adult Education will be presenting a short video on "Ancient Secrets of the Bible" following worship today in the Fireside Room.

ALL are Welcome!



Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 @7pm Three Maidens Picnic Area Bring your chair & bug spray!



We will gather at 6:30pm, game starts at 7pm. All the typical s'more ingredients will be provided but feel free to bring some of your favorites to share if you wish. Come and go as you please! See you at the bonfire!!

HELP WANTED: Meals On Wheels deliverers needed

Please contact Dennis Lundblad for more details if you would be willing to help deliver meals

for home-bound people. Dennis's cell: 507-690-8123

It is approaching that time of year, the time to make **lefse**!

If you are interested in learning how to make lefse, let Kristy Henriksen know.

Once we know who is interested, we will find a date & time to meet. If you are interested in joining the group, even if you are a veteran lefse maker, let Kristy know, too. We have all the supplies & we have a good time, too!





## 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 <<<.

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**DID YOU KNOW** – if you are a Thrivent member: You may be earning Thrivent Choice Dollars that can be designated to your church or a designation of your choosing? Every little bit counts and so far, this year, we have gained about **\$521** from members who have designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to First Lutheran!!

Log in to **thrivent.com** and scroll to the bottom of the Account Overview page to see your available Choice Dollars. You can choose where you would like your Choice Dollars to go. Works very much like a rewards program so check out your options today!!!



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:

Website: <u>www.firstlutheranpipestone.org</u>
 Facebook: First Lutheran Church ELCA

3. Instagram: flcoff.pipe

THANK YOU to all who have sent prayers, cards, money and gift cards to Curt and I during the past few months. Thank you truly isn't enough but please know that we have felt the prayers, we have read all the cards and that has helped Curt to know he wasn't alone in his battle. Gifts of money and gift cards have been put either towards gas, food or bills during his treatments. He is healing and has begun to eat food again (which he is so excited about!). He continues with other therapies and that will most likely be a lifelong activity. We are so very blessed to have all of you – our church family- pulling for him which means more than you will ever know. THANK YOU First Lutheran!!!!!!!

Curt & Lori Ilse

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