

***"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.

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 14<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 #834 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

***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 140**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

### **First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." So, all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

### **Psalm 51:1-10 (please read responsively)**

R: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**C: Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

R: For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**C: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

R: Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**C: Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

R: Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**C: Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

R: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

### **Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 15:1-10**

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So, he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW #789 – Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

### ***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.

**C: Amen**

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

#### **Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of mercy, thank you for the incredible grace we have received through Jesus. As we give our offerings today, help us, like Paul, to be vessels of grace, showing love and forgiveness to everyone we meet. Empower us to live humbly, always remembering that we are redeemed and called to reflect your mercy in everything we do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**



### ***Service of Holy Communion***

#### **The Great Thanksgiving/Words of Institution**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### **Lord’s Prayer**

### ***Invitation to Communion***

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## ***Distribution of the Elements***

**Communion Songs:** ELW #471 – Let Us Break Bread Together  
ELW #692 – We Are an Offering

### **Prayer After Communion**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### ***Blessing***

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

**Sending Hymn: ELW #779 – Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

### ***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.**

We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in memory of Grandma O. by Eric & Danielle Ossefoort.

### **✠ 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).**

### **This Week's Schedule (September 14th – September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025)**

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

**Tuesday:** 12:30pm – 6:30pm – Red Cross Bloodmobile in the Fellowship Hall

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

**Thursday:** 8am – 2pm-ish, Pastor Ann Out of office – Synod Conf. mtg.

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

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

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: **\$0**

**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>!!*



### ***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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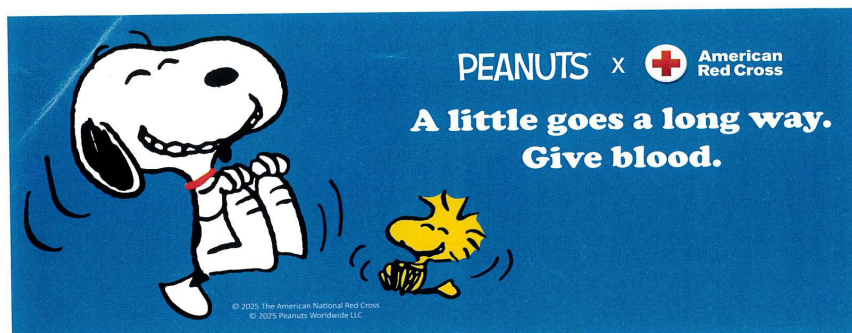
First Lutheran is now on Instagram! We will do our best to keep things posted and updated as much as possible. We now have 3 areas of social media for you to get info from:

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## Blood Drive Pipestone Community First Lutheran Church

Social Hall  
401 7th Ave SW  
Pipestone, MN

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025  
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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