

***"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.

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship in the Park**  
**Sunday, September 7<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 Song: Open the Eyes of My Heart**

*(All lyrics for today are on the back pages of the bulletin)*

***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.**

**Song of Praise: This Is the Day**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

### **First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

### **Psalms 1 (please read responsively)**

R: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

R: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

R: Therefore, the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**C: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

### **Second Lesson: Philamon 1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So, if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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

### **Children's Time/Blessing of the Backpacks**

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Luke 14:25-33**

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

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

**Sermon**

**Song of the Day: Borning Cry**

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



**Holy Baptism of:** Cooper James Kirlin

Parents: Jake Kirlin & Laura Thode

Sponsors: Tylan & Krista Thode and Greg & Sarah Nelson

***APOSTLES' CREED (during baptism)***

*Please Stand*

*P: Do you believe in God the Father?*

***C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

*P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

***C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

*P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

***C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (Please be seated)***

***WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED***

***ALL: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.***

**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:     Make Me A Servant**



**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord, we come to you today aware of the challenges that come with following You. Help us to understand what it truly means to carry our cross every day and to walk in love, humility, and service. May these gifts be a sign of our commitment to seek your kingdom first, trusting that you will always provide for us. 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:**

**Song 1 - All Who Are Thirsty**

**Song 2 - Seek Ye First**

**Prayer After Communion**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Blessing***

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

**Sending Song:   Blessed Be Your Name**

***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 Joe Douty by Bob & Mieke Douty.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

We continue our prayers of comfort to the family of Larry Rieck on his passing. We send healing prayers to Dwight Horton who had surgery this past week & Kristy Henriksen who has begun treatments for cancer. We also continue our prayers of healing for Lynne Dalen, Carole Sommers, 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 7th – September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Outdoor Worship @SW Park, w/Holy communion, blessing of back-packs, Kirlin baptism, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Tuesday:** 8:15am – Ministerial meeting

**Wednesday:** AM – Lori out of office, appts; 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 7:30pm – Church Council meeting;

**Thursday:** Lori gone (All Day); 9:30am – Quilting

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

<b>August 2025 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$21,150.00</b>
Weekly Offering – August 3rd	
Weekly Offering – August 10th	
Weekly Offering – August 17th	
Weekly Offering – August 24th	
Weekly Offering – August 31st	
<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 August 2025 was being collected for:**

**School Supply Kits**

The total amount collected was: **\$182.81**



**THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.**  
*Noisy Offering for September will go towards The Banquet.*



**We welcome today in Holy Baptism**  
*Cooper James Kirlin*

Cooper was born on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Laura Thode & Jake Kirlin.  
Cooper joins his brothers, Connor & Keaton.

**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!*



**We are collecting for School Kits!!**

- \*70 sheet notebooks
  - \*pencil sharpener
  - \* ruler with centimeters and inches
  - \*16 or 24 count box of crayons
  - \*blunt scissors
  - \*unsharpened #2 pencils
  - \*ballpoint pens (no gel)
  - \*eraser approx. 2 ½ in.
- Backpacks will be purchased. Sixty-five is our goal.  
Supplies can be placed in the tote in the Narthex BY TODAY!



**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 <<<.

Direct your  
**Thrivent Choice  
Dollars**  
Today!



**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 \$396 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:

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

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## **OPENING SONG:** **OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You. I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You. I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love,  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,  
Open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You. I want to see You.

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As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.  
(Repeat last verse 6 times)

## Song of Praise: This Is The Day

**L: THIS IS THE DAY**

*C: This is the day*

**L: THAT THE LORD HAS MADE**

*C: That the Lord has made*

**L: WE WILL REJOICE**

*C: We will rejoice*

**L: AND BE GLAD IN IT**

*C: And be glad in it*

**ALL:** This is the day that the Lord has made

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

**L: THIS IS THE DAY**

*C: This is the day*

**ALL:** That the Lord has made

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## SONG OF THE DAY: Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk 'till rising sun.

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

## OFFERING SONG: Make Me A Servant

Make me a servant  
Humble and meek  
Lord let me lift up  
Those who are weak  
And may the prayer  
Of my heart always be  
Make me a servant  
Make me a servant  
Make me a servant today

Make me a servant  
Humble and meek  
Lord let me lift up  
Those who are weak  
And may the prayer  
Of my heart always be  
Make me a servant  
Make me a servant  
Make me a servant today

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### **COMMUNION SONGS:**

#### **All Who Are Thirsty**

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY  
ALL WHO ARE WEAK  
JUST COME TO THE FOUNTAIN  
DIP YOUR HEART IN THE STREAM OF LIFE  
LET THE PAIN AND THE SORROW  
BE WASHED AWAY  
IN THE WAVES OF HIS MERCY  
AS DEEP CRIES OUT TO DEEP  
WE SING

COME LORD JESUS COME (4x)

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY  
ALL WHO ARE WEAK  
JUST COME TO THE FOUNTAIN  
DIP YOUR HEART IN THE STREAM OF LIFE  
LET THE PAIN AND THE SORROW  
BE WASHED AWAY  
IN THE WAVES OF HIS MERCY  
AS DEEP CRIES OUT TO DEEP WE SING

COME LORD JESUS COME (4x)

WON'T YOU COME  
WON'T YOU COME

NOTHING BUT YOUR WILL FOR ME  
I AM ONLY FREE WHEN YOU COME

**COME LORD JESUS COME**

**NOTHING BUT YOUR WILL FOR ME**

### **I AM ONLY FREE WHEN YOU COME**

#### **SEEK YE FIRST**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his  
righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu alleluia

We shall not live by bread alone but by every  
word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God  
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and you shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

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#### **SENDING SONG:**

#### **BLESSED BE YOUR NAME**

Blessed Be Your Name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed Be Your name

Lord still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name  
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You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

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My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

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