

"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.

Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 8th, 2026
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 #335 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son †
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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

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: page 184

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast - page 187

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So, Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Psalm 95 (please read responsively)

R: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

R: For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

R: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

R: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

C: "Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

R: There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

C: Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

R: Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.

Children's Time

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **John 4:3-42**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus] left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in

spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So, the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So, when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #777 – Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (vs 1, 2, 4, 5)

Responding to God's Word

Apostle's Creed – pg 127

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: 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 #294 – In the Bleak Midwinter (vs 3)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, what we place before you today is small beside your abundance. Take these offerings and use them to bring your living water to dry and weary places. Let our generosity reflect your endless gift. In the name of the One who is the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

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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 #592 – Just As I Am, without One Plea ELW #658 – O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

P: 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 #618 – Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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 celebration of Max Taubert's birthday by his family.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We send our healing prayers to: Braydon DeVoid (grandson of Wade & Deb Smith), Maverick Burkard, Carole Sommers, Paul Johnson, Jackson Baumann, Meg Petra (Pastor Ann's sister) & her wife, Lisa Riek, Ed Hansen, Becky Kaffar, Kristy Henriksen, Curt Ilse, 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 (March 8th – March 15th, 2026)

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

Tuesday: 8:30am – Ministerial meeting; 10:30am – Worship Committee meeting

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 6:15pm – Lent service; 6:45-7:15pm - LIFT/Confirmation; 7:30pm – Church Council meeting

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

Saturday: Synod Council meeting in Redwood Falls, MN

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship, 3yo Bibles, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM); 3pm – First Communion 5th gr. parents & students meet with Pastor Ann.

March 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Weekly Offering – March 1 st	
LENT – March 4 th	
Weekly Offering – March 8 th	
LENT – March 11 th	
Weekly Offering – March 15 th	
LENT – March 18 th	
Weekly Offering – March 22 nd	
LENT – March 25 th	
Weekly Offering – March 29 th	
MONTH TOTAL:	
Needed per week (updated 2/2/2026):	
4-week month = \$4,377/week	5-week month = \$3,502/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 February & March 2026 is being collected for:

Pipestone County Food Shelf



The total amount collected thus far is: **\$174.55**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

February & March (match-month) Noisy Offering will go to the Pipestone County Food Shelf

A little more about the Pipestone County Food Shelf: Located @ 223 2nd St NW in Pipestone

Website for more information: www.pipestonefoodshelf.com

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
 3/2/2026: \$

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

During Lent, we are collecting items for the personal care kits. Please bring in any of the listed items and place them in the blue tote in the Narthex!!



Personal Care Kit items:

- 1 light-weight, dark towel
- 2 bath-size bars of soap
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in original package
 - 1 sturdy comb
 - 1 metal nail clipper



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!



Join us for **Hope Haven's 24th Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, March 27th** at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, IA (intersection of Hwy 75 & 18). For nearly twenty years, this event has captured the hearts of the communities – an occasion you definitely don't want to miss! Join us in our biggest fundraiser of the year to support Hope Haven's local and international service programs. It's not just an entertaining evening, but also an opportunity to celebrate the impactful work God is doing through Hope Haven. Your support empowers children and adults with disabilities here at home and across the globe.

ENJOY AN EVENING OUT WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY

- 4:30 pm – Doors Open
- 5:00 pm – Food Booth Opens from Kingdom Boundaries (available for guests to purchase meals and beverages)
 - 5:00 pm – Buy It Now Items
- 5:30 pm – Live Auction (choose from over 450 incredible items for all ages to bid – John Deere Gator, Youth ATV 4-Wheeler, Traeger, Simplicity Lawn Tractor, electronics, trips, furniture, meat bundles, grills, outdoor games, power tools, appliances, toys, gift cards, and so much more!

Catalog of auction items is available on the Hope Haven website: <https://www.hopehaven.org/benefit-auction>



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!



Radio Sponsorships for 2026 are posted on the bulletin board by the office. If you have a recurring yearly sponsorship, please let the office know if you would like to change the date as listed on the schedule. There are **3 open slots (listed below)** so if you would like to get signed up for one, please add your name to one of the open slots on the sheet. If you would like to check your recurring sponsorship, OR sign up 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!!

June 28th

September 20th

December 13th



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

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*25th Annual
Hospice Benefit Fundraiser*

March 28th, 2026
Pipestone Country Club

Dinner includes

- Our signature Cupcake Sweet Red Wine
- Charcuterie table-Prepared by Staci's Bar & Grill
- Salad
- Ribeye-Prepared by Pipestone County Cattleman's Association
- Cupcakes-Goodies 4 U
- Lingen Dairy Ice Cream

Early bird tickets are \$55. After March 13th they will go to \$60

Social hour begins at 4 pm
Dinner at 6 pm
Live auction at 7:30 pm

The evening will also include a diamond give away sponsored by First Bank & Trust of Pipestone and the grand finale drawing for the iPad and the quilt.

Scan the code to purchase tickets or bid on our silent auction items.

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