

"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 after Pentecost
Sunday, July 5th, 2026
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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. Believing this promise from Scripture, we confess our sins:

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #742 – What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise: ELW #328 – Restore in Us, O God

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14

R: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

R: All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

C: They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

R: that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

R: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. So, I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' 'For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. "For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy

burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #790 – Day by Day

Apostle’s Creed

Responding to God’s Word

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 #670 – Build Us Up Lord (vs 1)

Offering Prayer:

L: Let us pray.

C: God of promise, we long for your peace in the midst of life’s burdens. Use these gifts to open space in our hearts where Christ may dwell more deeply. Through faithful giving, may we come to know the rest and renewal you freely offer. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

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Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

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 #697 – Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 Howard & Perdita Douty’s anniversary by their children.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Our thoughts and prayers to Julie Steffan, Brittany Heidebrink, Gavin Smidt and their families on the passing of their dad and grandfather, Ed Smidt this past Sunday. We also keep in our prayers the family of Terry & Theresa Swenson on the passing of Theresa's mom, Alice Hansen who passed away on June 18th, 2026. We give our healing prayers to: Carol Veen, 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.**

This Week's Schedule (July 5th – July 12th, 2026)

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

Tuesday: 1:30pm – Food Shelf meeting

Wednesday: 6:00pm – Church Council meeting; 12pm & 5pm – Service on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship w/Pastor Mary Sacco; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

June 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Weekly Offering – June 7 th	
Weekly Offering – June 14 th	
Weekly Offering – June 21 st	
Weekly Offering – June 28 th Community Service	
MONTH TOTAL:	
Needed per week:	
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 June 2026 was collected for:

PAS Senior/Kinder-Buddy Program

The total amount collected was: **\$26.15**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

NOISY OFFERING for July will be going to the PAS Wellness Room

A little more about the PAS Wellness Room: The PAS Wellness Room was created to support students by providing access to essential everyday needs in a safe and welcoming space. Students can find items such as clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, food, winter gear and other necessities. By helping meet these basic needs, we can remove extra stress and allow students to focus on learning, growing and becoming the best version of themselves.



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+.

Bell Tower Fund balance as of
6/29/2026: \$

THANK YOU to all who have
donated!!! We are getting closer!!
Goal: \$23,000.00

HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

For Summer 2026:

†Sunday, July 19th (2nd Sunday)
w/Pastor John Dalen

†Sunday, August 16th (3rd Sunday)
w/Pastor Mark Jamison



We NEED Communion Assistants, Lesson Readers and Acolytes!!!

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 – just by scanning the QR code with your phone!

Many hands makes for light work – please consider being one of the many hands!!!!

Words of Encouragement

Do some R & R!! Be radiant and reflect God's light to all people

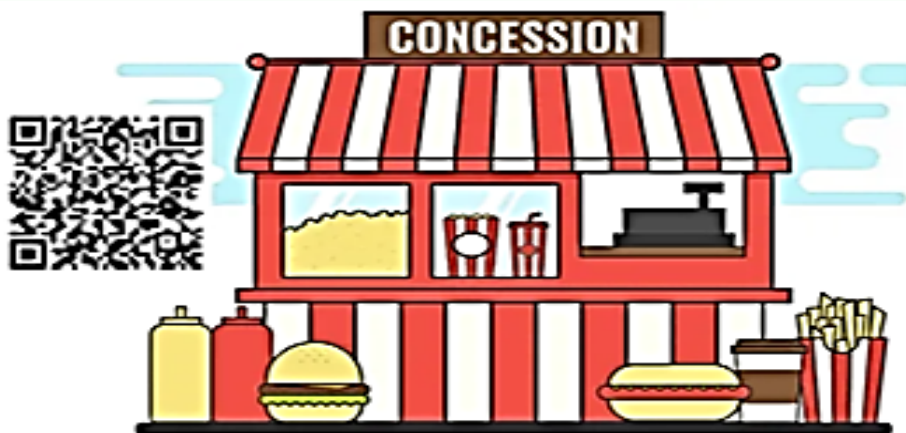
Those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12:3

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**FAIRSTAND 2026 @ the Pipestone County
Fair August 5th - 8th, 2026**



Check your calendars for August 5th thru the 8th
and get signed up to help out at the FLC
Fairstand! It's as easy as scanning the QR code
above and signing up online.

We can't do it without you so if you can help out
in anyway, PLEASE DO!

Contact the church office if you have
any questions.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!