

"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.

6th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 20th, 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 #673 – God Whose Almighty Word

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.

Hymn of Praise: ELW #232 – Let My Prayer Rise Up

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So, they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife, Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 (please read responsively)

R: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

R: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

R: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10:38-42**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do

all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #413 – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Responding to God’s Word

Apostle’s 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 #821 – Shout to the Lord

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God, we are often like Martha, distracted by many things, but today we choose to sit at your feet. As we present our offerings, may they be a reminder of our commitment to prioritize you above all else, trusting that you will meet our every need. Help us to be attentive to your voice and faithful in our service. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #820 – O Savior, Precious Savior

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 memory of Don & Arlis Werner by Lynette, David, Steve & families.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We continue our prayers of healing for Penny Zastrow (Pastor Ann's mom), 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 (July 20th – July 27th, 2025)

NOTE: Pastor Ann will be back in the office on Wednesday (July 23rd).

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

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship, w/Baptism (Dwire) & New Members, live-streamed; 11:30am - Picnic at the Fairstand;
Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

OFFICE NOTE: The office hours from now thru August 6th, 2025 will be:

8am – 1:00pm Monday thru Thursday & 8am – noon on Friday (as usual)

There may be a day or two that may change but I will do my best to make sure it is posted. Feel free to send an email to the church office or contact pastor on her cell if there is anything you need.

Curt is navigating through his final 15 radiation treatments and is getting a little rough – one day at a time. We sincerely thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and all of your caring words through this journey.

~Thank you for your understanding! Lori

July 2025 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,150.00
Weekly Offering – July 6th	
Weekly Offering – July 13th	
Weekly Offering – July 20th	
Weekly Offering – July 27th	
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!!

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO GRAB YOUR OFFERING STATEMENTS FOR THE 2ND QTR!
They are available in the Narthex!!**

Noisy Offering for June/July 2025 is being collected for:

PIPESTONE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$211.69**

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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 right >>>.



MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Pipestone County Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer drivers for the Pipestone area. The routes are in town only and take about an hour or less to complete.

This is a great opportunity to get engaged with our community and meet new people.

Please consider volunteering.

Pipestone County Meals on Wheels is based out of the Pipestone County Senior Center.

Please contact Tanya Witte @605-359-6722 to sign up.



The Pipestone County Fair will be here before we know it! We have already begun the prep work for the 2025 First Lutheran Fairstand but we will need all hands-on deck to help make this all work. Signup sheets are in the Narthex and are also posted online via our Facebook page. Anyone from 3rd grade on up to adults are encouraged to sign up. It is a great way to get to know others in your church family and I hear it can be pretty fun too!!!! If you are unable to help physically, just stopping in for a burger or a beverage – that helps just as much!!

ADULT ED Tip of the Month:

If you go to youtube.com and type “*What if Bible Characters Went Viral on Social Media*”, you will find some very interesting blogs by biblical people if they had smart phones.

Give it a try!!

From your Adult Education Committee



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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