

***"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.

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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Members of First Lutheran Church

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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 #669 – Rise Up, O Saints of God**

***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 139**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Hearing God's Word***

### **First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31**

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So, he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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

### **Psalm 121 (please read responsively)**

R: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

**C: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

R: The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**C: Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

R: the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

**C: the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

R: The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

**C: The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

### **Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 18:1-8**

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you; he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

### **Sermon**

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

*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 #801 – Change My Heart O God

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Loving God, we come to You, trusting that you will guide us with your love. As we give our offerings today, let them be a sign of our desire to grow closer to you and to deepen our love for you. Open our hearts to your grace so that we might be agents of peace and reconciliation in this world. Amen.**



**Lord's Prayer**

*Blessing*

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #543 – Go My Children with My Blessing

*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.**

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in memory of our cousin Roberta Benz by Lori Ilse

**✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

We send prayers of comfort for the family of Alvin Huebner who passed away early Wednesday. We also keep Steve Werner in our prayers on the passing of his aunt, Violet. We continue our prayers of healing for Kristy Henriksen, 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 (October 19<sup>th</sup> – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

**Please note:** Pastor Ann will be back in the office on Tuesday (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>).

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

**Tuesday:** Noon – Group Circle potluck

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

**Thursday:** 9:30am – Quilting; 1:30pm – FLC works at the Food Shelf

**Sunday:** 9:30am – Worship (Reformation Sunday), w/Confirmation and Holy Communion, Gorter Baptism; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

| <b>October 2025 Offering</b>                     |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>                  | <b>\$21,150.00</b> |
| <b>Weekly Offering – October 5<sup>th</sup></b>  |                    |
| <b>Weekly Offering – October 12<sup>th</sup></b> |                    |
| <b>Weekly Offering – October 19<sup>th</sup></b> |                    |
| <b>Weekly Offering – October 26<sup>th</sup></b> |                    |
| <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!!

**First Lutheran Quarterly Offering Totals thus far in 2025**

| <b>QTR 1</b>       |  | <b>QTR 2</b>       |  | <b>QTR 3</b>       |  |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Required Quarterly |  | Required Quarterly |  | Required Quarterly |  |
| Quarterly Offering |  | Quarterly Offering |  | Quarterly Offering |  |
| Other Income       |  | Other Income       |  | Other Income       |  |
| Quarterly Net      |  | Quarterly Net      |  | Quarterly Net      |  |

**Noisy Offering for October 2025 is being collected for:**

**Good Gifts (aka God's Barnyard)**

The total amount collected was: **\$63.20**

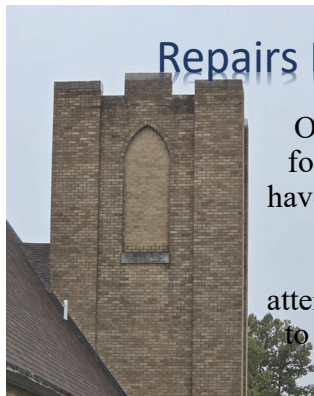
**THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.**



## NOTES FROM PASTOR:

† Pastor Ann is gathering sign-ups for **Prayer Partners** again this year. Please sign up again, even if you signed up last year, so she knows who wants to continue. The yellow sheets are for students, and the blue sheets are for adult "pray-ers." They are on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

† We will be changing to a "new" liturgy on November 9th. It is one First Lutheran has done before, a while back. After worship on October 26 and November 2, we will have a chance to sing through the liturgy and refresh our memories/become familiar with it. The liturgy is found on pages 184-188 in the front of the hymnal.



### Repairs Needed Meeting

On Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> following Worship, we will have a congregational meeting to discuss some church repairs. Please plan on attending. We will do our best to make it short and sweet!!

### 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 on memo line. Cost is estimated to cost \$23,000+. Repairs expected to begin mid-November.

It is time to start thinking about the MEATBALL SUPPER!!!! This year's supper is set for Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> (also Veteran's Day). Plans are in the works, and the meatball letter and schedule should be sent out sometime this week. Not all congregational members will receive a work schedule. If you do NOT receive a work schedule and would like to help out in some way, please let us know and we can find a spot for you!! Meatball tickets are available for pre-sales! Stop by the office or give Lori a call (or send her an email) and let her know how many tickets you need.

Thank you in advance, *The Meatball Committee*



Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who all received their Bibles last Sunday!!

~Lincoln Burkard  
~Ashton Carpenter  
~Miley Gunnink  
~Reece Houselog

~Evan Johnson  
~Piper McCorquodale  
~Grayson Weber  
~Evelyn Wielenberg

**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*

**Food Shelf Volunteers Needed THIS THURSDAY (10-23):**

**We will need volunteers from First Lutheran for the food shelf when we serve on Thursday, October 23rd. We will need to be there by 1:30 for orientation. Please call Sarah Meyer (507-215-7401) and leave a message if you can help. We need 6-7 volunteers. Thanks to all who helped at our last workday in July - it was a great success! Sarah**



**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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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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**Congregations of every size and context can  
nurture faith, create welcome, and embrace ministry  
with youth and young adults.**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Todd Buegler  
Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna MN

Featuring: the **SYNOD YOUTH BAND**  
Lunch catered by Qdoba!

Register online at [www.swmnelca.org/event/ecd2025](http://www.swmnelca.org/event/ecd2025)  
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