"Welcome to Worship"

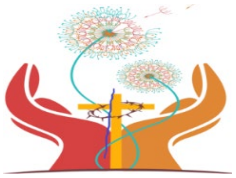
God is here for you,
In the word and sacraments,
in the love of this community.

Welcome - it's great to have you here!
Thank you for choosing to worship with us at First Lutheran today.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 25th, 2026
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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Scattering seeds of love, worship & service

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:
L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness – (please stand)

L: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
L: 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.
L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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.
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 #665 – Rise, Shine You People

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.

Kyrie: pg 138 (please speak responses)
Hymn of Praise: pg 139 – Glory to God

Prayer of the Day
L: Let us pray.
C: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
(Please be seated)

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord. "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."
Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 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: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.
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 22:34-46**
C: Glory to you O Lord.
When the Pharisees heard that, [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.
The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** ***(please be seated)***

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #733 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Apostle's Creed

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of the Church
L: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great
L: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

Offering Hymn *(please stand for the hymn)*: ELW #801 – Change My Heart O God
Offering Prayer:
L: Let us pray.
C: God of Mission, you entrust us to proclaim your Gospel in word and deed. Let these offerings symbolize our commitment to your call. May our time, talents, and treasures reflect the love of Christ in all that we do. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.
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Lord's Prayer

Benediction

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
C: Amen.

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

Dismissal

L: 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 honor of Al Hollingsworth's birthday, Mick & Chris and Arvid & Shelly's anniversaries by Al & Linda Hollingsworth.

✝ Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We give our healing prayers to: Erin Mastbergen, Ken Boehm, Nicole Weber, Maverick Burkard, Sarah Meyer, Doug Beck (brother of Kris Schiager), Bob Larson (Lynne Dalen's dad), Mary Meyer (Sarah Meyer's sister), Randy Claussen, Paul Cunningham (brother-in-law of Robert & Teri Petersen), Mary Lou Bjugan, Vera Newgard, 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. Please feel free to send a card of encouragement to anyone listed above. Addresses are posted on the Caring Cards sheet hanging on the south post in the Narthex. THANK YOU in advance!!***

This Week's Schedule (October 25th – November 1st, 2026)

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

***Wednesday*:** 6:15 – 7:15pm – LIFT & Confirmation
***Saturday*:** Halloween; DAYLIGHT SAVINGS, turn your clocks back!
***Sunday (All-Saints Sunday)*:** 9:30am – Worship w/Pastor Margo Martens, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

****QUILTERS – there will be NO quilting in the month of November.**

October 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed: $17,506.00	
Weekly Offering – October 4th	
Weekly Offering – October 11th	
Weekly Offering – October 18th	
Weekly Offering – October 25th	
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 October 2026 is being collected for:

ELCA Good Gifts



The total amount collected thus far is: **$135.00**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

***More about GOOD GIFTS**: As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world — together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs. Your donation will be used where it is needed most.*

We are in 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 make for light work – please consider being one of the many hands!!!!

October 2026 Worship Leaders:

† TODAY: Sunday, October 25th – Mark Carlson

November 2026 Worship Leaders:

† Sunday, November 1st (All-Saints Sunday) – Pstr Margo Martens
† Sunday, November 8th – w/Pstr John Dalen (Burnett baptism)
† Sunday, November 15th – w/Pstr Mark Jamison w/Holy Communion)
† Sunday, November 22nd (Confirmation) – w/Pstr John Dalen
† Sunday, November 29th – w/Mark Carlson

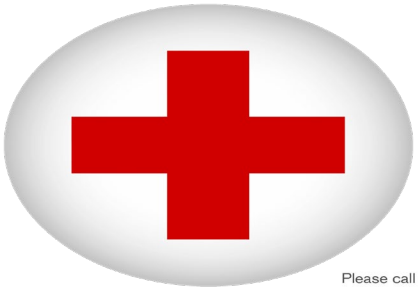
The countdown is underway.

The **Meatball Supper is 17 days away - on November 10th**.

Work schedules are available in the NARTHEX for you to pickup So help us reduce our postage costs & GRAB YOURS TODAY!!!!

Tickets are also available for members wishing to make early pre-sales. Your help is needed to make this another church-wide success!





Blood Drive
Pipestone Community
St Leo Catholic Church

Social Hall
415 South Hiawatha
Pipestone, MN 56164

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: PipestoneMN to schedule an appointment.

Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.

Scan to schedule an appointment.

NEW!

KAFFI-TI To Go 2026

Sunday, December 6th, 2026
after worship in the Narthex



First Lutheran Church
401 7th Avenue SW
in Pipestone



Cranberry Cake, Holiday goodies, Scandinavian treats & OTHER surprises!

Pick up some goodies up for all of your friends and family and all of your holiday gatherings!!

Shetek Conference
Women of the ELCA

FLC Ladies –

Please stop and grab your First Lutheran Church Women 2026-2028 Handbook

Thank you in advance!!!

FLC Nominating Committee: Made up of those council and committee members whose term ends Jan 2027. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss and brainstorm. We invite those going off to repeat their position or if leaving - **a replacement must be found**.
Council Representatives: Sarah Meyer, Al Hollingsworth, Marit Sterud, Danielle Ossefoort

Current Committees members:

Adult Ed: Diane Leslie
LIFT: Tanya Schroyer, Kiley Houselog
Congregational Life: Robert Woodbury, Jamie Danks, Dave Dulas
Outreach and Mission: Sheila Horton
Property Management: Scott Sterud, Scott Rudie, Mike Straw
Worship: Tami Taubert, Mark Zinnel
Youth: Kristin Brockberg
Endowment: Bob Taubert, Paul Henriksen, Dennis Peterson

If interested in staying in your current position, or if you have a replacement willing to take your spot, contact a council member.

Update on the Volunteers In Mercy Community Thanksgiving Day dinner (Nov. 26) at the Pipestone Christian Reformed Church:



If you are able to help, or have volunteered to help, here are the details: We will be serving from 11 AM to 1 PM. 9:00 AM – Food helpers should report, as well as pie cutters. 10:45 AM – Servers, hosts/hostesses, and table "refillers" should report**.** 12:30-1 PM: Clean-up crew should report. All volunteers should enter through the east side kitchen door as the glass entry doors will be locked until 11 AM. Look for a sign on the door. **Please send a text message to Shelli DeRuyter at 507-820-1425 and let her know the time you can arrive and the position you would like to fill (for example: Jane Doe can serve mashed potatoes from 11-12:30).** Thank you for your help!

Words of Encouragement

Don't fear, because I am with you; don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will surely help you; I will hold you with my righteous strong hand. ~Isaiah 41:10

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