

"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.

5th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 13th, 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 #526 – God Is Here

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 #821 – Shout to the Lord

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-10 (please read responsively)

R: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

R: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

R: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

R: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

C: You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

R: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

C: All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 10:25-37**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked

Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #712 – Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Responding to God's Word



Holy Baptism of: Beau Isaac Ossefoort

Parents: Eric & Danielle Ossefoort

Sponsors: Chessa Ossefoort and Isaac (Ike) & Pam Ossefoort

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 #880 – O God Beyond All Praising (vs 1)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



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 Hymns: ELW #502 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #790 – Day by Day

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.

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 Morgan Taubert's birthday by her family.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We continue our prayers of healing for 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 13th – July 20th, 2025)

NOTE: Pastor Ann will be on vacation from July 16th and will be back in the office on July 23rd

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

Wednesday: Pastor Ann on vacation (will return next week – 7/23)

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship, w/Pastor John Dalen, live-streamed; 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 radiation and is doing pretty well so far. 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!!

Noisy Offering for June/July 2025 is being collected for:
PIPESTONE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$210.69**

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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 >>>.



We welcome today in Holy Baptism

Beau Isaac Ossefoort

Beau was born on March 7th, 2024 to Eric & Danielle Ossefoort. He joins his brothers, Caleb & Wyatt. Welcome to our church family, Beau!!

FOOD SHELF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: On July 17th, 2025, it will be our church's turn to volunteer for the food shelf here in Pipestone. I am asking for your help, for 8 volunteers. You would need to be

at the back door of the food shelf (east side of the Senior Citizens building) at 1:30 that day, and we should be done between 5:00 and 5:30 (partial shifts are possible). I am asking the entire church family to support our community. We are on the food shelf community board, and volunteer 4 times a year. So please consider taking time to volunteer. Please call me, Sarah Meyer, at: 507-215-7401. Leave a message, and I will return your call, or let me know if you can volunteer that day. Thank you for supporting our community! Sarah Meyer

Pipestone Women's Connection, cordially invites you to a special Baseball themed Guest Night Supper at the Christian Reformed Church, Pipestone on **Monday, July 21, 2025. Men are welcome to join us!**

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 Cost is \$10 (includes tax)

Please note: There will not be complimentary meals for this July event, nor will there be a free nursery for this evening event.

FEATURE: Morey Van Hoecke, the Weather Guru will share weather tips he learned as a child at his grandmother's kitchen table. Master of Ceremonies will be Bill Van Hoecke, Morey's Son and KLOH broadcaster.

SPEAKER: Steve Tadevich, Forest Lake, MN

"Diamonds are Not Forever"; Since childhood, His heart's desire was to become a Major League baseball player; he relates his love for baseball and discovery of a new life.

Reservations for supper by Thursday, July 17.

Please call Deb: 507-820-1456 * Marian: 507-820-1272 * Susan: 507-920-6675

CANCELLATIONS ARE NECESSARY BY SUNDAY, July 20.

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 will be posted online later this week. 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 darn fun too!!!! If you are unable to help physically, just stopping in for a burger or a beverage – that helps just as much!!



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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