

*"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.

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**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 #384 – That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son †  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 184**

**Hymn of Praise: pg 187**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Hearing God's Word**

### **First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Here ends the Reading. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 16 (please read responsively)**

R: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

R: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names up on my lips.**

R: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

R: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

**C: I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

R: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

R: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### **Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Here ends the Reading. **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 **John 20:19-31**

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his

hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #635 – We Walk by Faith**

### ***Responding to God's Word***

**Apostle's Creed – pg 127**

#### **Prayers of the Church**

P: Lord in your mercy,

#### **C: Hear our prayer**

P: 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 #388 – Be Not Afraid (2x)**

#### **Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of new life, you meet us in our fear and speak words of peace. Like Thomas, we long to see and believe. As we give, we place our trust in the unseen work of your Spirit. Use these gifts to bring peace where there is doubt, and hope where there is despair. In the name of the One who breathed peace upon his followers, we pray. Amen.**

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### ***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 Songs: ELW #379 – Now the Green Blade Rises  
ELW #385 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

**Prayer After Communion**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

***Blessing***

P: 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 #389 – Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (vs 1, 2, 3 & 5)**

***Dismissal***

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **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.***

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 honor of Gene Spicer’s birthday by Gene Spicer.

***† Continuing Prayer Concerns:***

We send prayers to Barb Benz who will be having heart valve replacement surgery next week. We continue our healing prayers to: Mildred Carstensen, Vera Newgard, Maverick Burkard, Meg Petra (Pastor Ann’s sister) & her wife, Lisa Riek, Ed Hansen, 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).**

***This Week’s Schedule (April 12<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026)***

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

**Monday:** Lori out of office

**Tuesday:** 8:30am – Ministerial mtg; Lori out of office

**Wednesday:** 8:15am – Pastor’s Prayer (hosting); AM - Lori out of office; 12:00pm & 5:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

**Thursday:** AM – Pastor out of office for Synod Conf. meeting

**Sunday:** 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

| <b>April 2026 Offering</b>                              |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>                         | <b>\$17,506.00</b>          |
| Maundy Thursday – April 2 <sup>nd</sup>                 |                             |
| Good Friday – April 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     |                             |
| Weekly Offering – April 5 <sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) |                             |
| Weekly Offering – April 12 <sup>th</sup>                |                             |
| Weekly Offering – April 19 <sup>th</sup>                |                             |
| Weekly Offering – April 26 <sup>th</sup>                |                             |
| <b>MONTH TOTAL:</b>                                     |                             |
| <b>Needed per week:</b>                                 |                             |
| 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 April 2026 is being collected for:**

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries**



The total amount collected thus far is: **\$0**

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

**A little more about the Shetek Lutheran Ministries:** Shetek Lutheran Ministries is for people of all ages who want to spend time having fun in the beauty of God's creation. We provide summer camp for youth and many programmed retreats for youth, adults, senior adults, women's groups, men's groups and families throughout the year. Located @14 Keeley Island Dr, Slayton MN  
**Website for more information:** [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)

**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+.  
 Repairs expected to begin in the Spring.

Bell Tower Fund balance as of  
 4/7/2026: \$

THANK YOU to all who have  
 donated!!! We are getting close!!

**THANK YOU** to all who donated items for the personal care kits!!  
 We assembled 65 kits.

Help Wanted: Person(s) to mow the lawn at the parsonage during the summer. Will need your own mower. Contact Mark Zinnel if you have any questions.



**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 <<<. You can also look to see the schedule for ushers as well – just by scanning the QR code with your phone!

*We are looking for a few volunteer drivers to take fellow members to appointments in and out of town. If interested or if you have questions, contact Cristy Appel. THANK YOU in advance!*



Pipestone Women's Connection invites you.....  
FEATURE: Garden Art by Bette Huss of Dell Rapids, SD  
Nobody wants old glass or metal dish items anymore...or do they? Repurpose them into "blooms" for your landscape or garden.

SPEAKER: Ilene Dirks of Sioux City, IA  
Title: Change Can Happen "in the Blink of an Eye!" Learn how to cope when life changes quickly.  
Christian Reformed Church - Pipestone

Reservations for lunch and complimentary childcare by Thursday, April 16, please.  
Please call \*Deb: 507-820-1456 \* Marian: 507-820-1272 \* Susan: 507-920-6675

**CANCELLATIONS ARE NECESSARY BY SUNDAY, APRIL 19.**  
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Radio Sponsorships for 2026 are posted on the bulletin board by the office. If you have a recurring yearly sponsorship, please let the office know if you would like to change the date as listed on the schedule. There is **1 open slot (listed below)** so if you would like to get signed up, please add your name to the open slot on the sheet on the bulletin board by the office. If you would like to check your recurring sponsorship, OR signup online, scan the QR code>>.



**THANK YOU** all who give to the radio sponsorship – it is a GREAT way to share the ministry here at First Lutheran!!

June 28<sup>th</sup>

September 20<sup>th</sup>

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