

"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.

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 31st, 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 #532 – Gather Us In

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 God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

Psalm 112 (please read responsively)

R: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

R: Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

C: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

R: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

R: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

C: Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

R: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

C: The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So, we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14:1, 7-14**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #523 –Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

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 #204 – Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious and loving God, We bring these gifts before You as a sign of our gratitude and trust.

Bless what we offer today, that it may be used to further Your kingdom and share Your love with

the world. Transform our offerings into acts of mercy, justice, and hope, and transform our hearts

to give joyfully and generously. May all that we do and give bring glory to Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #720 – We Are Called

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 by Lori Ilse – wishing all school staff and students a great school year!

✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We send prayers of comfort to the family of Larry Rieck on his passing. We also continue our prayers of healing for Lynne Dalen, Carole Sommers, 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.

This Week's Schedule (August 31st – September 7th, 2025)

Today: 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; 1:00pm – Rieck visitation w/2pm - funeral; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Monday (Labor Day): Office closed

Tuesday: 8:30am – Ministerial Meeting

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 7pm – church committee meetings

Thursday: 5:30pm – Executive meeting

Sunday: 9:30am – Outdoor Worship @SW Park, w/Holy communion, blessing of back-packs, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

August 2025 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,150.00
Weekly Offering – August 3rd	
Weekly Offering – August 10th	
Weekly Offering – August 17th	
Weekly Offering – August 24th	
Weekly Offering – August 31st	
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 August 2025 is being collected for:

School Supply Kits

The total amount collected was: **\$131.49**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

Noisy Offering for September will go for The Banquet





It's a GIRL!!!!

Congratulations to Brittney (Reinert) & Jaydon Gorter on the birth of their daughter, Gabby Lynn Gorter born on August 19th! We send a congratulations also to Gabby's grandparents, Thad & Debbie Reinert!!!



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 <<<.



We are collecting for School Kits!!

- *70 sheet notebooks
- *pencil sharpener
- * ruler with centimeters and inches
- *16 or 24 count box of crayons
- *blunt scissors
- *unsharpened #2 pencils
- *ballpoint pens (no gel)
- *eraser approx. 2 ½ in.

Backpacks will be purchased. 100 is our annual goal.

Supplies can be placed in the tote in the Narthex BY SEPTEMBER 7TH! Noisy Offering for August will go to purchase supplies for the school kits as well!!

Note from the SF Canaries

As a thank you for your support of the Canaries, we wanted to reach out and offer the FLC Pipestone family discounted tickets for ANY of our remaining 2025 Regular Season games!

Save up to \$7 per ticket on any game of your choosing by using the promo code PEEP prior to checkout through the following link: <https://tickets.sfcanaries.com/>

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**Thrivent Choice
Dollars**
Today!



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1. Website: www.firstlutheranpipestone.org
2. Facebook: First Lutheran Church ELCA
3. Instagram: flcoff.pipe

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