

"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.

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18th, 2026
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.

Confession and Forgiveness – (please stand)

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. 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 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 #693 – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Greeting

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 (please speak responses)

Hymn of Praise: pg 140 – This is the Feast (begin singing when music begins)

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

C: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 (please read responsively)

R: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

R: Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

C: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

R: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

C: Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

R: Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

C: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.

R: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

P: Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew 22:15-22**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So, they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #583 - Take My Life That I May Be (vs 1, 3 & 4)

Apostle's Creed

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of the Church

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great

P: 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: Wise and Generous God, all we have belongs to you. Inspire us to give with open hands and trusting hearts. Use these gifts to share the abundance of your love with others. In Jesus' name 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. *(please be seated)*

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns: ELW #542 – O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW #790 – Day by Day

Prayer After Communion - (please stand)

P: Let us pray.

C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

P: 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 #547 – Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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 honor of Dwight Horton's birthday by Sheila Horton.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We give our healing prayers to: Maverick Burkard who underwent surgery on Monday, Sarah Meyer (foot surgery on Wednesday), Doug Beck (back surgery on Wednesday, 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!!**

Note: Maverick Burkard was diagnosed with Leukodystrophy before he was 3 years old. Mav is now nine. He is currently at the U of M Masonic Children's hospital and underwent surgery on Monday. His mom, Laura, has a list on Amazon to help make Mav's time in the hospital a little easier. If you would like to send him a card, package, etc. he would LOVE it!! Here is the info:

You can send items to their home address (posted on the Caring Card sheet here in the Narthex) OR to:

Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest

Maverick Burkard

621 SE Oak St – Minneapolis, MN 55414

Maverick's Amazon list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Y7KUQTVVNLSSQ?ref=list_c_wl_ys_list_1&filter=unpurchased&sort=date-added&viewType=list

THANK YOU for your thoughts and prayers!

This Week's Schedule (October 18th – October 25th, 2026)

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

Wednesday: 6:15 – 7:15pm – LIFT & Confirmation

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

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

October 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Weekly Offering – October 4 th	
Weekly Offering – October 11 th	
Weekly Offering – October 18 th	
Weekly Offering – October 25 th	
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: **\$0**

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 (see info on last page of bulletin).



October 2026 Worship Leaders:

† TODAY: Sunday, October 18th – Pastor Mark Jamison (w/communion)

† Sunday, October 25th – Mark Carlson



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 <<<.

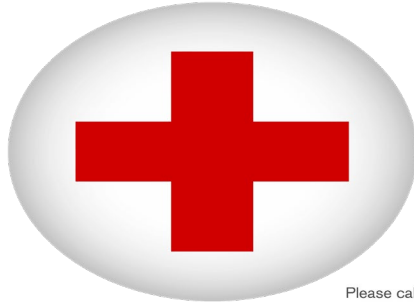
You can also look to see the schedule for ushers – just by scanning the QR code with your phone!

Many hands make for light work – please consider being one of the many hands!!!!



CONGRATULATIONS to Darlene Muller on the birth of a new great-granddaughter, Aila. Aila's parents are Tia (Muller) & Dehan Nel.

Volunteers In Mercy will be hosting a sit-down Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day (11/26) starting at 11 AM at the Pipestone Christian Reformed Church. Our goal is to bless others in the name of Christ by offering community, friendship, and a welcoming place for anyone who does not have somewhere to go on Thanksgiving. We are looking for volunteers to help in several areas: setting up, food prep, serving, cleanup, etc. Come at whatever time works for you. If you are able to help, please call or text Shelli DeRuyter at 507-820-1425.



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.



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.



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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!!***



FLC Ladies –

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

Thank you in advance!!!

Words of Encouragement

With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgment. Always let Him lead you, and He will clear the road for you to follow. ~Proverbs 3:5-6

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God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.

\$500



Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry.

\$10



Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.

\$50



Honeybees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.

\$20



Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market.

\$30



Fish Farm

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

\$250

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