

"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.

10th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 17th, 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 #876 – Let the Whole Creation Cry

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, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 82 (please read responsively)

R: God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

C: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"

R: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

C: rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

R: They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

R: nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"

C: Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of 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 12:49-56**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #796 – How Firm a Foundation

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: God, you have come to bring peace, yet you warn us that following you will often bring division. As we offer our gifts, may they be a sign of our willingness to stand with you, yet be compassionate toward all. Use these offerings to spread your message of love and truth. Amen.



Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #815 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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 in memory of Arthur Horton's birthday and in honor of Cindy, Rhonda and Eugene's birthdays by Dwight & Sheila Horton.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We 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 17th – August 24th, 2025)

Today: 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; Pastor Ann @Good Sam (1pm) & Ridgeview (2pm); Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship, 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: **\$125.00**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

Noisy Offering for September will go for The Banquet



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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 welcomed in Holy Baptism yesterday (Saturday, Aug. 16th)

Otto James Cormany

Otto was born on June 16th, 2025 to Tyler & Shelby (Myers) Cormany. Otto joins a brother, Micah. Otto is the great-grandson of Mick & LaDonna Myers. Welcome Otto to our family here at First Lutheran!!



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 "

Backpacks will be purchased. 100 is our annual goal.

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

2025 Fairstand Stats:

Total Hamburgers/cheeseburgers/dbl burgers sold	1449
Total hot dogs/chili dogs sold	318
Total Walking tacos sold	402
Total BBQ's sold	79
Total slices of pie	154
Total cans of pop	1279
Total bottles of water	591

A total profit from the fairstand will be posted once all the bills have been received. **THANK YOU AGAIN** to all who stepped up to work shifts (& some more than one shift!) and all of those who came to eat!! A very special thanks to Steve Werner (manager), Mark Zinnel, Rita Hazelton & Lori Ilse for all the extra work that you put in to make the FLC Fairstand so successful again this year!



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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