

"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.

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 26th, 2025
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Ministers:

Members of First Lutheran Church

Pastor: Pastor Ann Zastrow

Organist: Paul Henriksen

Sound: Neil Johnson

Reader: Dave Dulas

Acolyte: Connor Thode

Communion Assistants: Aubrey Brockberg &
Bryer Evans

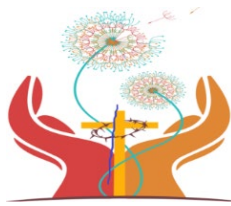
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***Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service***

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #504 – A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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 140

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 46 (please read responsively)

R: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

R: though its waters rage and foam and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

R: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

R: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

R: behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

R: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Children's Time

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **John 8:31-36**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #732 – Borning Cry



Holy Baptism of: Gabby Lynn Gorter
Parents: Jaydon & Brittney Gorter
Sponsors: Jessa Reinert, Dustin Kounkel & Shannon Paulson

Affirmation of Baptism – pg 234

† *Aubrey Brockberg*

† *Bryer Evans*



2025 Confirmands Class CREED (on overhead screen)

Responding to God's Word

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 #801 – Change My Heart, O God

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 Songs: ELW #886 – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW #483 – Here is Bread

Prayer After Communion

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.

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #654 – The Church’s One Foundation (vs 1, 2, 4 & 5)

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 Al Hollingsworth’s birthday and Mick & Chris and Arvid & Shelly’s anniversaries by Al & Linda Hollingsworth.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We pray for the family of Melissa Burnett on the passing of her dad, Greg Martens and to the family of Linda Roelfsema who both passed away this week. We continue our prayers of comfort for the family of Alvin Huebner.

Prayers of healing for Kristy Henriksen, 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 (October 26th – November 2nd, 2025)

Today: 9:30am – Worship (Reformation Sunday), w/Confirmation and Holy Communion, Gorter Baptism; new liturgy practice following worship; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 8:15am - Pastor’s Prayer; 6:15-7:15pm LIFT/Confirmation

Saturday: Pastor @Synod Council meeting in Redwood Falls

Sunday (All Saints Sunday): DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 9:30am – Worship, w/Holy Communion; 10:30am - Bell Tower meeting; new liturgy practice following worship; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

October 2025 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,150.00
Weekly Offering – October 5 th	
Weekly Offering – October 12 th	
Weekly Offering – October 19 th	
Weekly Offering – October 26 th	
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!!

First Lutheran Quarterly Offering Totals thus far in 2025

QTR 1

Required Quarterly	
Quarterly Offering	
Other Income	
Quarterly Net	

QTR 2

Required Quarterly	
Quarterly Offering	
Other Income	
Quarterly Net	

QTR 3

Required Quarterly	
Quarterly Offering	
Other Income	
Quarterly Net	

Noisy Offering for October 2025 is being collected for:

Good Gifts (aka God's Barnyard)

The total amount collected was: **\$73.20**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



We welcome today in Holy Baptism

Gabby Lynn Gorter

Gabby was born on August 19th, 2025 to
Jaydon & Brittney (Reinert) Gorter.

May you forever be blessed from this day forward
little one!





Congratulations and blessings to our Confirmands today:

† Aubrey Brockberg – daughter of Eric & Kristen Brockberg
† Bryer Evans – son of Chris & Shelby Evans

Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire! God has given you the gifts to make a difference in this world, go out there and do great things!

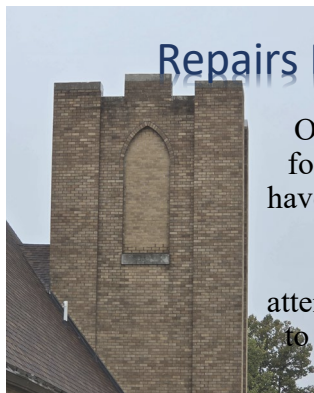


*Don't forget to turn your clocks
BACK ONE HOUR
Next Saturday night (11/1/25)!!!*

NOTES FROM PASTOR:

† Pastor Ann is gathering sign-ups for **Prayer Partners** again this year. Please sign up again, even if you signed up last year, so she knows who wants to continue. The yellow sheets are for students, and the blue sheets are for adult "pray-ers." They are on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

† We will be changing to a "new" liturgy on November 9th. It is one First Lutheran has done before, a while back. After worship on October 26 and November 2, we will have a chance to sing through the liturgy and refresh our memories/become familiar with it. The liturgy is found on pages 184-188 in the front of the hymnal.



Repairs Needed Meeting

On Sunday, November 2nd following Worship, we will have a congregational meeting to discuss some church repairs. Please plan on attending. We will do our best to make it short and sweet!!

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 on memo line. Cost is estimated to cost \$23,000+. Repairs expected to begin mid-November.

It is time to start thinking about the MEATBALL SUPPER!!!! This year's supper is set for Tuesday, November 11th (also Veteran's Day). Plans are in the works, and the meatball letter and schedule should be sent out sometime this week. Not all congregational members will receive a work schedule. If you do NOT receive a work schedule and would like to help out in some way, please let us know and we can find a spot for you!! Meatball tickets are available for pre-sales! Stop by the office or give Lori a call (or send her an email) and let her know how many tickets you need.



Thank you in advance, *The Meatball Committee*

HELP WANTED: *Meals On Wheels deliverers needed*
Please contact Dennis Lundblad for more details if you would be willing to help deliver meals for home-bound people. Dennis's cell: 507-690-8123

THANK YOU to all of the Food Shelf Volunteers

On October 23rd we helped serve 90 households, consisting of 250 people (110 age 17 and under; 136 age 18-64; 4 age 65+), distributing 6582 pounds of food. Well done!
Your help means more than you know!!! Sarah



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 <<<.

Adult Education Tip:

For something unique, go to youtube.com and type in what if Jesus had an I-Phone? Do this for other biblical characters, too. You will be surprised by what you will get. ~Adult Education Committee

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Today!



DID YOU KNOW – if you are a Thrivent member: You may be earning Thrivent Choice Dollars that can be designated to your church or a designation of your choosing? Every little bit counts and so far, this year, we have gained **\$1,045.00** from members who have designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to First Lutheran!! Log in to **thrivent.com** and scroll to the bottom of the Account Overview page to see your available Choice Dollars*. You can choose where you would like your Choice Dollars to go. Works very much like a rewards program so check out your options today!!!



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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**Congregations of every size and context can
nurture faith, create welcome, and embrace ministry
with youth and young adults.**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Todd Buegler
Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna MN

Featuring: the **SYNOD YOUTH BAND**
Lunch catered by Qdoba!

Register online at www.swmnelca.org/event/ecd2025
\$30 per person.

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