

*"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.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</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 #720 – We Are Called**

***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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow  
in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Hearing God's Word**

### **First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

### **Psalms: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (please read responsively)**

R: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

**C: Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

R: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**C: Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

R: Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**C: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

R: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

### **Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 **John 14:1-14**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who

believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW #732 – Borning Cry



**Holy Baptism of:** Magnolia Marjorie Maschino

Parent: Kennedy Maschino

Sponsors: Kaitlyn & Payton Fick

### *Responding to God's Word*

#### 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 #692 – We Are an Offering

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Gracious Lord, we believe in the gift of your Son, who is the way, the truth, and the life. We offer these gifts in hope that your work will flourish and bless all creation. Use them to proclaim your love in every place. In Christ's holy 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.

### *Distribution of the Elements*

#### Communion Songs:

ELW #742 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW #479 – We Come to the Hungry Feast

#### 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 #439 – Soon and Very Soon**

***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 McKenzie's birthday by Dave & Ellen Dulas.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

Our prayers of comfort to the family of Mildred Carstensen who passed away Sunday night. We continue our healing prayers to: Vera Newgard, Maverick Burkard, 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 (May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

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

**Wednesday:** 7:00pm – Church committee meetings; 12:00pm & 5:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

**Thursday:** 1:30pm – First Lutheran works @ the Food Shelf.

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

***April 2026 Offering***

**Monthly Offering needed: \$17,506.00**

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>	

**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 April 2026 was collected for:

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries**

The total amount collected was: **\$103.97**

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

Noisy Offering for May will be going to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

*A little more about Lutheran Disaster Relief: Lutheran disaster relief provides immediate and long-term support to communities affected by natural and man-made disasters, combining emergency aid, recovery assistance and community resilience programs.*



**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  
 4/27/2026: \$

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



We extend a warm welcome today, to Pastor Margo Martens!!  
 Pastor Margo comes from Annandale, MN. WELCOME to First Lutheran in Pipestone and THANK YOU for leading our worship today!!

**First Lutheran serves at the Food Shelf this Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.  
 If you are able to help, please contact Sarah Meyer or the church office.**

**We welcome today in Holy Baptism**  
*Magnolia Marjorie Maschino*

Magnolia was born on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to  
Kennedy Maschino.

May you forever be blessed from this day forward  
beloved child of God!



**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.



***Personal Care Kit update: The ladies were able to assemble a grand total of 101  
personal care kits!!!  
THANK YOU to all who donated items!!!!!!!***



**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!***





Radio Sponsorships for 2026 are posted on the bulletin board by the office. 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!!

September 20<sup>th</sup>

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**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**  
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