

"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.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 19th, 2026
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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. Believing this promise from Scripture, we confess our sins:

(silence for personal reflection)

P: Gracious God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #786 – O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Faithful god, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may also be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17

R: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

C: I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.

R: For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

C: The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

R: But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

C: Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

R: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;

C: because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Gospel Acclamation: ELW #509 – God's Word is our Great Heritage

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So, when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the

weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"
The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #613 – Thy Holy Wings

Apostle's Creed

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 #670 – Build Us Up Lord (vs 1)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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 Holy Communion

Communion Hymns: ELW #483 – Here Is Bread ELW #487 – What Feast of Love

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.

Benediction

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 #789 – Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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 memory of Don & Arlis Werner by Lynette, David and Steven & their families.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Continuing prayers of comfort for Cristy Appel and her family on the passing of her mom, Joyce Kunz. We give our healing prayers to: Pastor Mary Sacco, Mary Lou Bjugan, Carol Veen, Vera Newgard, Maverick & Carly Burkard, 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.**



Flowers on the altar are in memory of Joyce Kunz whose funeral was on Friday. Blessed be Joyce's memory.

This Week's Schedule (July 19th – July 26th, 2026)

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

Wednesday: 12:00pm & 5:00pm – Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

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

July 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Weekly Offering – July 5 th	
Weekly Offering – July 12 th	
Weekly Offering – July 19 th	
Weekly Offering – July 26 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 July 2026 was collected for:

PAS Wellness Room

The total amount collected was: **\$96.59.**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

A little more about the PAS Wellness Room: The PAS Wellness Room was created to support students by providing access to essential everyday needs in a safe and welcoming space. Students can find items such as clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, food, winter gear and other necessities. By helping meet these basic needs, we can remove extra stress and allow students to focus on learning, growing and becoming the best version of themselves.

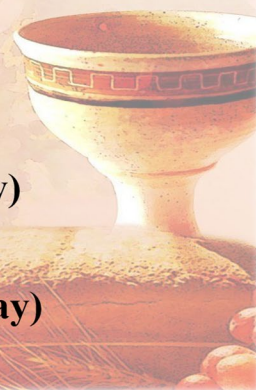


HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

For Summer 2026:

**†Sunday, July 19th (2nd Sunday)
w/Pastor John Dalen**

**†Sunday, August 16th (3rd Sunday)
w/Pastor Mark Jamison**





We 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!!!!

Words of Encouragement

Measure each day through love & service to our Lord.

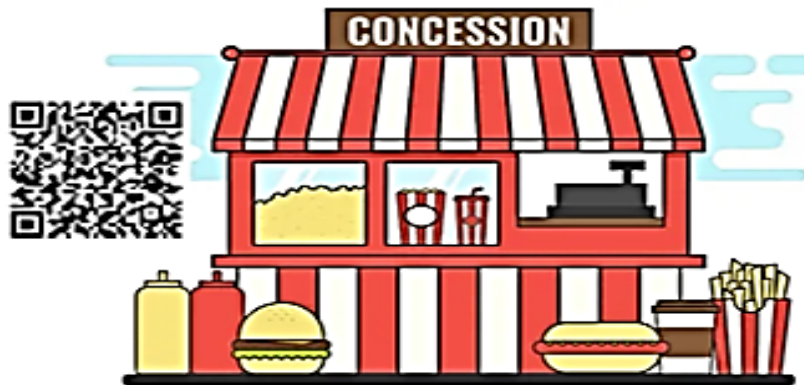
I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance and that you are now doing more ...
~Revelation 2:19

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**FAIRSTAND 2026 @ the Pipestone County
Fair August 5th - 8th, 2026**



Check your calendars for August 5th thru the 8th
and get signed up to help out at the FLC
Fairstand! It's as easy as scanning the QR code
above and signing up online.

We can't do it without you so if you can help out
in anyway, PLEASE DO!

Contact the church office if you have
any questions.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!