

***"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.

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 25th, 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.**

**Opening Hymn:**

**ELW #798 – Will You Come and Follow Me (vs 1, 2 & 5)**

***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 185-186**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ***Hearing God's Word***

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4**

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

### **Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (please read responsively)**

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C: One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

R: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**C: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore, I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

R: Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**C: My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

R: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

### **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power 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 **Matthew 4:12-23**

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

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of

Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #817 – You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (vs 1-3)**

## ***Responding to God's Word***

### **Apostle's Creed**

### **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 #857 – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

### **Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Great God of heaven and earth, you call us beyond the familiar into your unfolding future.**

**Often, we cling to comfort and resist your invitation to follow. Let this act of giving be a sign of our readiness to go where you lead. Shape us into faithful disciples through your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**



### **Lord's Prayer**

## ***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 #815 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

## ***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.**

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in celebration of Marli Taubert's birthday by her family.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

We also send our healing prayers to: Jackson Borman, Meg Petra (Pastor Ann's sister) & her wife, Lisa Riek, Ed Hansen, Becky Kaffar, Sarah Meyer and her nephew, Jacob Meyer, Mildred Carstensen, Kristy Henriksen, 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).**

**This Week's Schedule (January 25<sup>th</sup> – February 1st, 2026)**

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

**Tuesday:** 1:30pm – Group Circle

**Wednesday:** 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 6:15pm - LIFT/Confirmation

**Thursday:** PM – Pastor Ann out of office (appt)

**Sunday:** 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; Annual meeting (rescheduled) immediately following worship; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

<b>January 2026 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$21,150.00</b>
Weekly Offering – January 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – January 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – January 21st	
Weekly Offering – January 28 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>MONTH TOTAL:</b>	

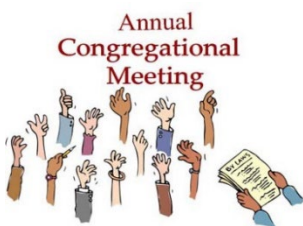
**Needed per week:**

**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!!



**Please make a point to join us for our Annual Congregational meeting  
rescheduled for Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.  
Come be a positive change for our future generations!!**

**CHANGE IN DATE AND TIME FOR FLCW Group Circle:**

**We will be meeting on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> @1:30pm.**

**Please make note of this change!**

Noisy Offering for January 2026 is collected being collected for:

## **SW Crisis Center**

The total amount collected was: **\$34.71**

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

### **January Noisy Offering will go to the SW Crisis Center**

**A little more about the SW Crisis Center:** Located: 119 2<sup>nd</sup> Av SW #5 in Pipestone

**What they do:** provide support, advocacy, and hope to individuals and families impacted by sexual and domestic violence, sexual exploitation, and child abuse. Including a 24-hour safe line, community education, domestic & sexual violence advocacy programs, safe at home & safe harbor programs, services for kids & families, services for men & women who use violence, support and empowerment groups.

**Website:** [www.mnswcc.org](http://www.mnswcc.org)



### **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  
1/20/2025: \$

THANK YOU to all who have  
donated!!!



### **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!

### **HELP SUPPORT HOPE HAVEN**

Hope Haven's 'Keys of Love' Deuling Piano Fundraiser

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @7pm

The District in Sioux Falls, SD

Join us for a fun night of music and entertainment with Dueling Duo, Any & Ryno!

All proceeds support Hope Haven International Ministries in providing wheelchairs to those in need around the world.

Tickets and detail are available at: [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events)





Radio Sponsorships for 2026 are posted on the bulletin board by the office. If you have a recurring yearly sponsorship, please let the office know if you would like to change the date as listed on the schedule. There are **8 open slots (listed below)** so if you would like to get signed up for one, please add your name to one of the open slots on the sheet. 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!!

January 11<sup>th</sup>  
April 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup>

June 28<sup>th</sup>  
September 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
October 11<sup>th</sup>

December 13<sup>th</sup>



**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](http://www.firstlutheranpipestone.org)
2. Facebook: First Lutheran Church ELCA
3. Instagram: flcoff.pipe

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