

"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.

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16th, 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 #641 – All Are Welcome

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 (begin singing when music begins)

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 67 (please read responsively)

R: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C: Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

R: May God give us blessing and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also, they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew 15:21-28**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #612 – Healer of Our Every Ill

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 #686 – We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs 1 & 2)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God of Hope, your promises sometimes feel distant amid the brokenness of this world. Open our eyes to the needs of others and awaken us to your call. Use these gifts to spread your Word and uplift communities across the globe. In Jesus' 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 Holy Communion

Communion Hymns: ELW #471 – Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW #465 – As the Grains of Wheat

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 #666– What Wondrous Love Is This

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

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We give our healing prayers to: Mavis Pierson, Paul Cunningham (brother-in-law of Robert & Teri Petersen), Pastor Mary Sacco, Mary Lou Bjugan, 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. Please feel free to send a card of encouragement to anyone listed above. Addresses are posted on the Caring Cards sheet hanging on the south post in the Narthex. THANK YOU in advance!!

This Week's Schedule (August 16th – 23rd, 2026)

Today: Worship w/Ret. Pastor Mark Jamison & Holy Communion; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Friday: Office closed

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship w/Ret. Pastor John Dalen; live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

August 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Weekly Offering – August 2 nd	
Weekly Offering – August 9 th	
Weekly Offering – August 16 th	
Weekly Offering – August 23 rd	
Weekly Offering – August 30 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 August 2026 is being collected for:

Pipestone United Way

The total amount collected was: **\$117.00**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



A little more about the Pipestone United Way: United Way of Pipestone County is a 100% local, independent organization. It is about creating lasting changes right in Pipestone County.

United Way of Pipestone County campaign runs

Labor Day - Thanksgiving Day.

We need your help to make lasting changes in OUR community. Every gift makes a difference! Your donation will help fund 30+ Organizations in Pipestone County.

THANK YOU for CREATING Opportunities and inspiring HOPE for a better tomorrow.

HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

For Fall 2026:

†Sunday, September 20th

†Sunday, October 20th

†Sunday, November 15th

(3rd Sundays)

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

My strength comes only from the Lord!

God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

~1 Corinthians 1:27

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THANK YOU to all of the families and individuals who have helped at the fairstand this year!!! All of your work is appreciated so much more than you know! We are looking for someone (or a couple people) to manage the fairstand next year. We have people that will help the manager but just need a main contact to oversee things. Contact the office or Steve Werner if you are interested.

We are truly blessed with such wonderful people – THANK YOU & God Bless!!!

Fairstand information/comparison:

Daily Deposits	2026	2025
Day 1		
Day 2		
Day 3		
Day 4		
TOTAL deposited		
Starting cash		
Food/beverages		
Hamburger patties	1629	1616
Hot dogs/chili dogs	254	318
BBQs	32	79
Chips	342	467
Walking tacos	441	402
Pop	1233	1269
Water	510	591
Pie	144	154

Extra THANK YOU's to:

- Moeller Farms for donating extra cases of water.
- VanDyke Sanitation – gave a check to pay-it-forward for meals.
- Rusty & Darla Hartke for donating the free ice cream coupons for youth workers.