

*"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.

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L: 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.**

L: 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:

L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you**

**in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW #546 – To Be Your Presence**

**Greeting**

L: 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 139 – Glory to God**

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

### **Responsive Psalm: Psalm 65:1-13**

R: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

**C: To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

R: Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

**C: Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

R: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**C: You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

R: You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**C: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

R: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**C: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

R: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

**C: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

R: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

### **Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

### ***Children's Time***

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!" "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

**Sermon****Hymn of the Day: ELW #765 – Lord of All Hopefulness****Apostle's Creed*****Responding to God's Word*****Prayers of the Church**

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer**

L: 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:**

L: Let us pray.

**C: Creator God, your handiwork surrounds us with wonder. From majestic skies to delicate creatures, all creation reflects your glory. As we bring these gifts, grow in us a spirit of stewardship that we may care for your world with reverence and love. Amen.**

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**Lord's Prayer*****Benediction***

L: 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 #547 – Sent Forth by God's Blessing*****Dismissal***

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**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 honor of Morgan Taubert’s birthday by her family.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

We send prayers and congratulations to Cole & Marah Lytle on the birth of their son, Cortland. Cortland was born on July 3<sup>rd</sup> (3 weeks early). He is currently in the NICU for some breathing issues.

Keep in your prayers: 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).**

**This Week’s Schedule (July 12<sup>th</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

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

***Pretty quiet this week!! Stop in and say hello if you are in the neighborhood!***

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

**Sunday:** 9:30am – Worship w/Holy Communion & Pastor John Dalen; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

<b>July 2026 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$17,506.00</b>
Weekly Offering – July 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – July 12 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – July 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – July 26 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>MONTH TOTAL:</b>	
<b>Needed per week:</b>	
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.





This past weekend was the Shetek Lutheran Ministries Quilt auction.  
Here are the totals from that:

\*\*Rugs donated by First Lutheran Church = 6 rugs (\$280.00)  
\*\*Quilt auction total collected: \$48,725.00 (2<sup>nd</sup> highest total ever!)

First Lutheran is scheduled to work at the Pipestone County Food Shelf on  
**Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @1:30pm**

We will need 4 volunteers to help with distribution. Please contact Sarah Meyer or the church office if you are able to help out.

**PLEASE NOTE:** NO open-toed shoes, sandals or flip-flops are to be worn by workers.

**HOLY COMMUNION  
SCHEDULE**  
For Summer 2026:

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

†**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

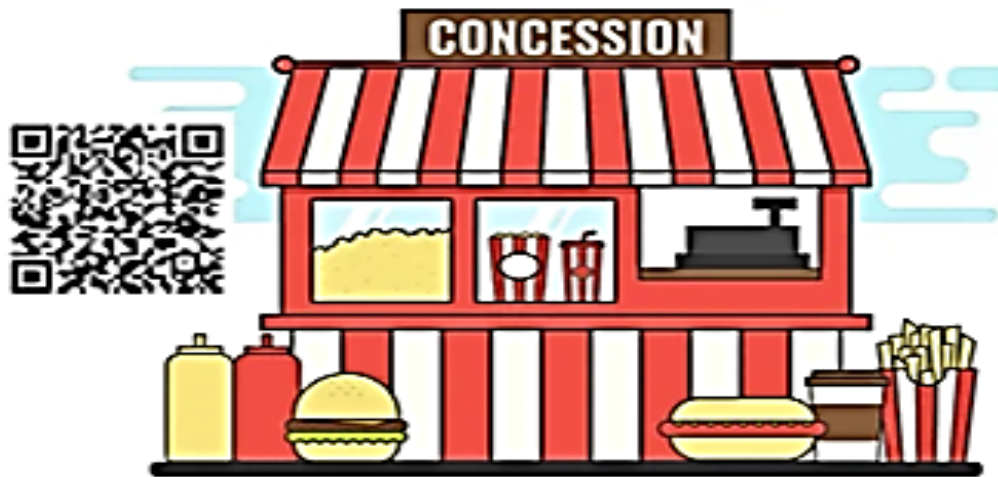
***You have a glorious future ahead with Christ, it begins TODAY!***  
Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession.  
~1 Timothy 6:12

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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!!**