

***"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.

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
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 #796 – How Firm a Foundation**

***Confession and Forgiveness***

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(a moment of silence for personal reflection)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free**

**ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

**(NEW Liturgy) Kyrie: pg 184**

**Hymn of Praise: pg 185-186**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

#### **First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a**

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

#### **Psalm 98 (please read responsively)**

R: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**C: O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

R: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**C: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

R: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn, shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

R: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

R: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

#### **Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 **Luke 21:5-19**

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So, make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed

even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”  
The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW #596 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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

## **Apostle's Creed**

## **Prayers of the Church**

P: Lord in your mercy,

### **C: Hear our prayer**

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C: Amen**

**Offering Hymn:** ELW #670 – Build Us Up, Lord (vs 2)

## **Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God, we stand before you today with open hearts, offering our gifts in the midst of a world that is often troubled and uncertain. Just as you have promised that not even a hair on our heads will be lost, we trust in your faithfulness. Amen.**



## **Lord's Prayer**

### ***Blessing***

P: The God of all grace ♪ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** ELW #652 – Built on a Rock (vs 1, 3 & 5)

### ***Dismissal***

P: 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 loving memory of her father, Harold Stubbe by Judy Stubbe.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

Our thoughts and prayers to Dan & Mari Wagner on the passing of Mari's grandmother, Marilyn Mogensen. We continue to pray for 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 (November 16<sup>th</sup> – November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025)**

**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; 6:15-7:15pm LIFT/Confirmation

**Thursday:** 8:00am – Pastor Ann out of office @Conference meeting

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

| <b>November 2025 Offering</b>               |                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>             | <b>\$21,150.00</b> |
| Weekly Offering – November 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |                    |
| Weekly Offering – November 9 <sup>th</sup>  |                    |
| Weekly Offering – November 16 <sup>th</sup> |                    |
| Weekly Offering – November 23 <sup>rd</sup> |                    |
| Weekly Offering – November 30 <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!!

**Noisy Offering for November 2025 is being collected for:**

**Youth Project (Christmas Toy drive)**

The total amount collected was: **\$1.30**

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



**LEFSE LOVERS** – here is your chance to learn the skill of lefse making!!!! Join us on

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm – 3pm**

to hone your skills for lefse making here in the kitchen of First Lutheran!!

Please let Kristy know if you are planning on attending so we know how many potatoes we need to have ready.





***Congratulations to Lincoln and Silas  
who received their new story Bibles last Sunday!!!!***

### **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 on memo line. Cost is estimated to cost \$23,000+. Repairs expected to begin mid-November.

**ADULT ED Session – TODAY**  
following worship

**TOPIC: The Tower of Babel**



Thank You to all who helped prep, work or came to eat this year at the MEATBALL SUPPER!!!!

We served: **220** Eat-in meals &  
**463** Take-out meals.

Thank you all so much!!!  
*The Meatball Committee*



**HELP WANTED: Meals On Wheels deliverers needed**

*Make a difference in someone's day just by simply delivering them a meal!!! Please contact Dennis Lundblad for more details if you would be willing to help deliver meals for home-bound people.*

*Dennis's cell: 507-690-8123*



## 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 <<<.

***Looking for a meaningful way to help others? United Community Action Partnership has another opportunity for you! Become a volunteer driver and get reimbursed for your miles. Volunteer drivers provide transportation services so people can live as independently as possible and stay active. If you might be interested, give Amanda a call 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 or email [communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org](mailto:communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org).***



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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## Community Thanksgiving Service

(Sponsored by the Pipestone Area Ministerial)

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**Christ the King Free  
Lutheran Church**

(HWY 75 North, 804 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE)

**Sunday,  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**at 7:00 PM**

All are welcome to enjoy a time of community  
praise, music, prayers of thanks and a  
message to compel a spirit of thanks.

+ Offering for the Ministerial Fund (for those in need)