

"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.

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 11th, 2026
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness – (please stand)

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

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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.

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 #796 – How Firm A Foundation

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 (begin singing when music begins)

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23 (please read responsively)

R: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

R: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew 22:1-14**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again, he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets

and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please be seated)*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #686 - We Give Thee but Thine Own

Apostle’s Creed

Responding to God’s Word

Prayers of the Church

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great

L: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Offering Hymn (please stand for the hymn): ELW #801 – Change My Heart O God

Offering Prayer:

L: Let us pray.

C: God of Compassion, you call us to serve and care for a hurting world. As we bring these offerings, renew our hearts with your peace. Transform our gifts into healing acts of justice and love. In the name of Jesus, our peace, we pray. Amen.

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Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW #705 – God of Grace & God of Glory (vs 1, 2 & 4)

Dismissal

L: 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.

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored in honor of Ryan and Evelyn’s October birthdays by Ryan & Ingrid Wielenberg.

✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Our continued thoughts and prayers to Kristen & Eric Brockberg and their family on the passing of Kristen's mom and to Karen Hellie and her family on the passing of Ron.

We give our healing prayers to: Bob Larson (Lynne Dalen's dad), Mary Meyer (Sarah Meyer's sister), Randy Claussen, Paul Cunningham (brother-in-law of Robert & Teri Petersen), Mary Lou Bjugan, Vera Newgard, Maverick 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!!**

Note: Maverick Burkard was first hospitalized at one-month and diagnosed with Leukodystrophy by the time he was 3 years old. Mav is now nine. He is currently at the U of M Masonic Children's hospital facing the possibility of several operations for some serious intestinal issues. His mom, Laura, has a list on Amazon to help make Mav's time in the hospital a little easier. If you would like to send him a card, package, etc. he would LOVE it!! Here is the info: You can send items to their home address (posted on the Caring Card sheet here in the Narthex) OR to:

**Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest
Maverick Burkard**

621 SE Oak St – Minneapolis, MN 55414

Maverick's Amazon list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Y7KUQTVVNLSQ?ref=list_c_wl_ys_list_1&filter=unpurchased&sort=date-added&viewType=list

THANK YOU for your thoughts and prayers!

This Week's Schedule (October 11th – October 18th, 2026)

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

Wednesday: 6:15 – 7:15pm – LIFT only, **NO** Confirmation; 7:30pm – Church Council meeting

Thursday-Friday: MEA Break, NO School

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

October 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Weekly Offering – October 4 th	
Weekly Offering – October 11 th	
Weekly Offering – October 18 th	
Weekly Offering – October 25 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 October 2026 is being collected for:

ELCA Good Gifts

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$0**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



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October 2026 Worship Leaders:

- † TODAY: Sunday, October 11th – John Lupkes
- † Sunday, October 18th – Pastor Mark Jamison (w/communion)
- † Sunday, October 25th – Mark Carlson

CONGRATULATIONS to Lance and Tammy Oye on the birth of their grandchildren – TWINS – a boy and a girl!! They join 2 sisters and their parents, Dylan & Kirstyn. Blessings and congrats to the family!



We are in NEED Communion Assistants, Lesson Readers and Acolytes!!!

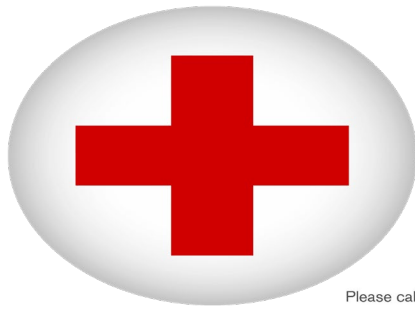
If you are able to help us out, **please** sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex OR you can sign up online by using the QR code to the left <<<.

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!!!!

Volunteers In Mercy will be hosting a sit-down Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day (11/26) starting at 11 AM at the Pipestone Christian Reformed Church. Our goal is to bless others in the name of Christ by offering community, friendship, and a welcoming place for anyone who does not have somewhere to go on Thanksgiving. We are looking for volunteers to help in several areas: setting up, food prep, serving, cleanup, etc. Come at whatever time works for you. If you are able to help, please call or text Shelli DeRuyter at 507-820-1425.





Blood Drive
Pipestone Community
St Leo Catholic Church

Social Hall
 415 South Hiawatha
 Pipestone, MN 56164

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: PipestoneMN to schedule an appointment.



Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/maze for details.



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NEW!
KAFFI-TI To Go 2026
 Sunday, December 6th, 2026
 after worship in the Narthex



First Lutheran Church
 401 7th Avenue SW
 in Pipestone



Cranberry Cake, Holiday goodies,
 Scandinavian treats & OTHER surprises!

***Pick up some goodies up for all of
 your friends and family and all of
 your holiday gatherings!!***



FLC Ladies -

Please stop and grab
 your First Lutheran
 Church Women
 2026-2028 Handbook

Thank you in advance!!!

Words of Encouragement

WALK with God when your heart needs company. TURN to God when you need someone to lean on. TAKE His hand when you feel alone. HE is there when you need Him most. NEVER give up, never back down, never lose faith. TRUST God, He can do the impossible.

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God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.

\$500



Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry.

\$10



Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.

\$50



Honeybees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.

\$20



Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market.

\$30



Fish Farm

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.

\$250

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