

### *"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.

## **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

### **Sunday, January 18th, 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: Christmas Adoration Medley**

#### **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.**

**Hymn of Praise: Give Thanks**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb, he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand, he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

### **Psalm 40:1-11 (please read responsively)**

**R:** I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**C: The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

**R:** The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

**C: Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

**R:** Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

**C: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

**R:** And so, I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book, it is written of me:

**C: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**

**R:** I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

**C: I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

**R:** You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

### **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 John 1:19-20, 25-42

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

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but he confessed, "I am not the Messiah." They asked him, "Why, then, are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: Ancient Words**

***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: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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: Forever**

## ***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 honor of Barb Benz's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 24<sup>th</sup>  
by Tami, Jim & Lo.

### ***# Continuing Prayer Concerns:***

We keep in our prayers: Jeff & Sal Griebel on the passing of Jeff's mom, Karen & Jon & Shelly Kozlowski on the passing of her brother, Tom. 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

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

**Monday:** Martin Luther King Day, NO School

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

**Thursday:** 9:30am - Quilting

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

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

**Needed per week:**

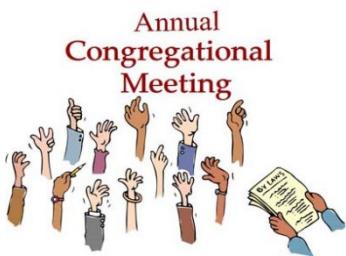
**4-week month = \$5,288/week      5-week month = \$4,230/week**

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 on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 immediately following worship. Also consider volunteering to be on one of our many committees here at First Lutheran.**

**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: **\$**



**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  
1/12/2025: \$**

**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!



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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