

*"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.

**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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

**Welcome/Announcements**



**Call to Worship:**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord!

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

**Opening Hymn: ELW #264 – Prepare the Royal Highway**  
(LIFT kids process with palms)

**LIFT Kids – the B.I.B.L.E. song**



**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.**

**Kyrie: pg 184**

**Hymn of Praise: pg 185-86**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## LIFT Bigs (gr 2-5) – Books of the New Testament

### *Hearing God's Word*

#### **First Lesson: Isaiah 62:10-12**

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "Look, your savior comes; his reward is with him and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord," and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

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

#### **Psalm 118:25-29 (please read responsively)**

R: Hosanna! O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

**C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

R: The Lord is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

**C: You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

R: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

#### **Second Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-10**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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 **Matthew 21:1-11**

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

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #343 – My Song is Love Unknown (vs 1, 3, 4 & 5)**

**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**

**Announcements**

**Offering:** ELW #344 – All Glory, Laud & Honor (vs 1)



**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Blessed Lord, your love rides humbly into our midst, and we offer ourselves in return.**

**Receive these gifts as signs of our commitment to your way. Multiply their impact so that your saving joy may echo throughout the world. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing**

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

**Sending Hymn:** ELW #358 - Great God, Your Love Has Called Us (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 today in memory of Val Carmody by Gene Spicer.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

Our thoughts and prayers to Pastor Joyce & Ron Capp on the passing of Joyce's dad, Chester Tollefson on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Anoka. Chester was 103. Services were held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. We send our healing prayers to: Mildred Carstensen, Maverick Burkard, Carole Sommers, Meg Petra (Pastor Ann's sister) & her wife, Lisa Riek, Ed Hansen, Becky Kaffar, Kristy Henriksen, 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 (March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026) – Holy Week**

**Today (PALM SUNDAY):** 9:30am – Worship, w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; Palm Parade & LIFT kids sing; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Wednesday:** 10:00am – Pastor's Prayer @Good Sam; NO LIFT or Confirmation; 7:00pm – Committee meetings

**Thursday (Maundy Thursday):** **NO School;** 5:30pm – Executive mtg; 7pm – Service w/Communion & First Communion for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Friday:** **NO School;** 12:15pm – Soup lunch; 1pm – Good Friday service

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

<b>March 2026 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$17,506.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	
<b>LENT – March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>LENT – March 11<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – March 15<sup>th</sup> (no service/snow)</b>	
<b>LENT – March 18<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
<b>LENT – March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – March 29<sup>th</sup></b>	
	<b>MONTH TOTAL:</b>
<b>Needed per week:</b>	
<b>4-week month = \$4,377/week</b>	<b>5-week month = \$3,502/week</b>

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 February & March 2026 is being collected for:**

**Pipestone County Food Shelf**

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$290.10**

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

**February & March (match-month) Noisy Offering will go to the Pipestone County Food Shelf**

**A little more about the Pipestone County Food Shelf:** Located @ 223 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW in Pipestone

**Website for more information:** [www.pipestonefoodshelf.com](http://www.pipestonefoodshelf.com)



## 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  
3/23/2026: \$

THANK YOU to all who have  
donated!!! We are getting close!!

**An Easter note from Adult Ed: For a great celebration of Easter, go to YouTube, & look up the video, "The Champion" by Carman.**

Direct your  
**Thrivent Choice  
Dollars**  
Today!



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**DID YOU KNOW** – if you are a Thrivent member: You may be earning Thrivent Choice Dollars that can be designated to your church or a designation of your choosing? Every little bit counts - last year, we gained about \$1,240 from members who have designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to First Lutheran!! Designation deadline for any remaining Choice Dollars from 2025 is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Log in to **thrivent.com** and

scroll to the bottom of the Account Overview page to see your available Choice Dollars\*. You can choose where you would like your Choice Dollars to go. Works very much like a rewards program so check out your options today!!!



## 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!



Instagram

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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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Do you wish to contribute to the Easter Flower fund this Easter? Donations can be given in memory or in honor of your loved ones. These donations will be used to purchase an appropriate number of Easter flowers to decorate the church, with the remainder of the funds to go towards other church projects. You may also bring in flowers from your own home – just please make sure to put your name on it so you can take it home after Easter.

If you would like to order or make a donation, please complete the following information & return this portion to the church office or the offering plates.

**NO LATER than TODAY!! (Palm Sunday)**

I will bring my own from home (**please bring to the church by Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**)

Here is a contribution to the Easter Flower Fund. Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(include payment with this form.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contribution is:**  **in memory of**  **in honor of**  
(Please print clearly)

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**Pay to:** First Lutheran Church, 401 7<sup>th</sup> Av SW, Pipestone MN 56164  
(Please put "Easter Fund" in the memo line)