

### *"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.

## **Baptism of Our Lord**

### **Sunday, January 11th, 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: ELW #310 – Songs of Thankfulness & Praise**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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 187**

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

P: Let us pray.

C: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Hearing God's Word

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

### **Psalm 29 (please read responsively)**

R: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

R: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

R: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

R: The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

R: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**C: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

R: O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

### **Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-48**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So, he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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 3:13-17**

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #641 – All Are Welcome**

***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: ELW #857 – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of glory and strength, we share this offering with you because of all you give to us in our own lives. We share with you because of the splendid ways that you have blessed us. Your majestic spirit fills our lives like the mighty waters fill the oceans. In your powerful name, we pray. Amen.**



***Service of Holy Communion***

**The Great Thanksgiving/Words of Institution**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

***Invitation to Communion***

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

***Distribution of the Elements***

**Communion Songs: ELW #396 – Spirit of Gentleness**

**ELW #465 – As the Grains of Wheat**

### **Prayer After Communion**

P: Let us pray.

**C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***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.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: ELW #551 – The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve**

### ***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.**

We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by members of First Lutheran Church with prayers for a wonderful and blessed New Year for all.

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

Our thoughts and prayers to Jon and Shelly Kozlowski on the passing of Shelly's brother, Tom Winter this past week. We keep in our prayers: 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship, w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; 10:30 – Tharan Leopold presentation; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Tuesday:** 8:30am – Ministerial meeting

**Wednesday:** 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 6:15pm – Contemporary Service; 7:15pm - LIFT/Confirmation; 7:30pm – Church council meeting

**Thursday:** AM – Pastor Ann out of office, conference meeting

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

<b>January 2026 Offering</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!!

Year-end giving statements are available for pick up in the Narthex for TODAY. Any remaining statements will be mailed out this week.

**PLEASE NOTE: the office will be including a member information sheet of what we currently have on file.**

**PLEASE MAKE A POINT TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION & INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL!!**

We are trying to improve our communications with our members but if our information is incorrect, it doesn't work so well. 😊 We use this contact information in our online church directory also. Please indicate if you prefer to OPT OUT of including certain information in the directory. (NOTE: This directory is ONLY accessible by members of First Lutheran). The forms can either be returned to the church by putting in the offering plate on a Sunday, sending via email to the church office OR via 'snail mail'.

THANK YOU for all of your help with this task – it is appreciated so very much!!!! Lori

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

Bell Tower Fund balance as of 1/9/2025: \$

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 9 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> & 18<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

# TODAY following worship!!



## Faithful Stewards. Lasting Impact.

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Your plan ...  
Your gift for those you love, and for  
God's work in the world!

You are invited to explore how you can  
make a difference in the lives of your loved  
ones and to ministry, both now and in the  
future.

On January 11th, Tharan Leopold with the  
ELCA Foundation will be here to share a  
forum on legacy gifts. This information will get  
you thinking about the gifts you've received  
from God throughout your lifetime, and how  
your family and ministry, such as our  
congregation, can benefit from these gifts to  
make a lasting and meaningful impact in this  
world.

Please join us on January 11th for this  
thoughtful coffee and conversation!

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