

"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

April 2nd, 2023

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: #264 – Prepare the Royal Highway

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.

Kyrie: Page 138

Hymn of Praise: Page 140

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 tongue, 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.**

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, "See, your salvation 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!

C: We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

R: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;

C: we bless you from the house of the LORD.

R: The LORD is God and has given us light.

C: Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

R: You are my God, and I will thank you;

C: you are my God, and I will exalt you.

R: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

C: God's mercy endures forever.

Second Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-17

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, 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. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will arouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. On that day the LORD their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. For what goodness and beauty are his! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

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

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew** (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, saying, "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.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #344 – All Glory, Laud and Honor (vs 1, 3 & 4)

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 / Offering Hymn: #870 – We Praise You, O God (vs 1 & 3)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Hymns: #542 – O Living Bread from Heaven

#838 – Beautiful Savior

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Benediction

P: 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: #346 – Ride On, Ride on in Majesty (vs 1, 2 & 4)

Dismissal

P: 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.

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 today in memory of Jim Spicer by Gene Spicer.

(We have only **TWO** dates left for the radio sponsorship: Oct. 29th & Dec. 3rd. If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast, please contact the church office. Sponsorship is \$58)

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We keep Robert Baerenwald in our prayers as he prepares for surgery on April 10th. We also continue to keep Carly Burkard, Lance Oye, Sharon Blom and Jan Harkema in our prayers.
***** 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.**

This Week's Schedule (April 2nd to April 9th) HOLY WEEK

Today: 9:30am PALM SUNDAY Worship w/Holy Communion at the church live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: NO L.I.F.T. / NO Confirmation; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday service w/First Communion for 5th graders.

Friday: 7:00pm – Good Friday service

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

March 2023 Offering	
Monthly Income Needed to Operate>>	
Lenten Service (Ash Wednesday) – March 1st	
Weekly Offering – March 5th	
Lenten Service – March 8th	
Weekly Offering – March 12th	
Lenten Service – March 15th	
Weekly Offering – March 19th	
Lenten Service – March 22nd	
Weekly Offering – March 26th	

Extra offering books are available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take another book if you are running low or contact the church office if you would like one sent to you!! Simply Giving is also available online.

Noisy Offering FEBRUARY & MARCH will be collected for: Pipestone County Food Shelf

The total amount collected for the Food Shelf to-date is **\$1403.11.**

Please note that in March, donations will be MATCHED!!! Checks are accepted and can be made out to the Food Shelf.

Noisy Offering in April will be collected for Lutheran Emergency Response.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

First Lutheran is part of the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations, and therefore we are able to attend the association's annual meeting. It will be Saturday, April 29, 2023, from noon-3 pm, at the college. It includes lunch (free), speakers, a tiny bit of business, and honoring of an alumnus. If there someone who is a graduate of Gustavus or has/had a family member attending Gustavus who might like to attend this annual meeting, please see Pastor Ann!

Lutheran Men in Mission – SW MN Synod Spring Gathering – Saturday, April 15th, 2023 in Redwood Falls, MN (Gloria Dei Church):

From 8:30am to 3:00pm, please register by Monday, April 10th. If you are interested, please contact John Woodford at 507-640-2472 OR email: johnndiane@redred.com. Cost is \$25 per person or \$75 for 3 or more. Registration forms are available in the church office.



2023 SWO Convention

Date: Friday, May 5, 2023

@ Shetek Lutheran Ministries,

14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN

Theme: Renew, Redo, Rejoice

Theme Verse: Zephaniah 3:17b

Shetek Conference for Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering – Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, in Windom, MN:

From 9:30am to noon, please RSVP for the luncheon by April 15th. Please send your RSVP to: Karen Skarphol – phone: 507-822-0785 OR by email: jkskarp@windomnet.com.

DON'T FORGET!!! ~ 40 Days of Lent/40 Personal Care Kits

Since we did such a great job last year with the Personal Care Kit project during Lent, it is back for 2023! A box has been placed in the Narthex for the needed items. The kits will be assembled after Easter and taken to the SW MN Synodical Convention in May for shipment to LWR.

Needed items are:

- 1 new bath-sized towel
- 2 bath-sized bars of soap (4-5 oz) any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-sized toothbrush (in original packaging, multi-packs are accepted)
- 1 sturdy, wide-tooth comb
- 1 metal nail clipper (**we have plenty of these already!**)

Last year the 40 kits goal turned into 60 kits! Let's do that or better this year. Thanks for your help with this project.

Pipestone County Hospice Grief Counseling

Pipestone County Hospice will be holding a 6-week adult grief support from April 13th to May 18th at the Pipestone County Hospice House. Grief support groups allow individuals mourning the loss of a loved one the chance to come together in a safe environment to discuss their experiences. Mourners are given a space to share his/her thoughts and emotions. The group will discover coping skills, discuss identity changes, and find support. Meetings will be on Thursdays from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. For more information or to register, please call (507) 825-6024.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Upcoming Events – mark your calendars!!

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Additional information</i>
April 28-29, 2023	Confirmation Retreat	More information will be forthcoming.

***Register for these events online at: www.shetek.org or contact the church office for a registration form.**

The 37th Annual Shetek Quilt Auction Fundraiser will be held Saturday, June 24 in the Activity Center at Shetek Lutheran Ministries camp. The quilt committee invites churches, individuals, quilting groups and Shetek friends to participate with the donation of quilts, wall hangings, table runners, wood crafts, needlework, theme baskets etc. We will be mailing out forms for you later. If you would like your items to be seen online, please drop them off at the camp by May 1st, 2023.

.. Items can be delivered to the camp office or mailed to the camp.
Shetek Lutheran Ministries - 14 Keeley Island Drive - Slayton MN 56172

Additional Events at Shetek Lutheran Ministries:

Saturday, April 22nd OR Sat., September 30th	8:30am – 4:00pm	Pre-Marriage Workshops - \$30 includes rolls, coffee and lunch
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CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022

All members should have received an email or a letter in the mail regarding log-in information as well as how to get your picture and family information updated in the online church directory. Information is also available on our website so make sure to check that out. Let the office know if you need someone to take your picture for the directory. We can help you with that as well!!

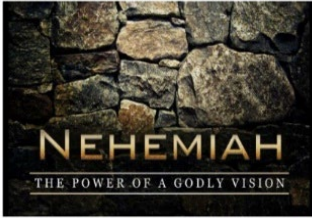


HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP

The Matter at Hand
Survey of Nehemiah

COMING SOON

Praying and
waiting go
hand in hand.
You haven't
really learned to
pray until you've
learned to wait.
— Charles R. Swindoll



Only one session remains!
All are welcome to join in on our book study!
The FINAL date for the Book Study will be as follows right
after worship: Sunday, April 16th.

First Lutheran Church “Partners in Ministry”

“Partners in Ministry” is a program that is now available at First Lutheran. We are excited have people who will be making home visits, provide a listening ear, and prayer support to members of First Lutheran Church. The “Partners in Ministry” servants are also willing to bring communion to people who are unable to attend worship. These volunteers are here to serve the greater community of First Lutheran. Are you facing surgery and want prayer? We are here for you. Would you like a friendly visitor to share in your journey of faith and life? We are here for you. Call the church office 825-5837 to find out more information. The people who are willing to serve as your “Partners in Ministry” are:

Nancy Finzen

Carol Johnson

Becky Kaffar

LaDonna Myers

Mavis Pierson

Judy Stubbe

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During the month of March our congregation is joining people of good will from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare’s March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign.

Individuals in Minnesota accessed food shelves a total of 5,505,100 times in 2022. This was an increase of 1,900,000 visits from 2021. That’s a 53%% increase.

During 2022, the Pipestone County Food Shelf distributed 187,064 pounds of food, representing 143,895 meals, to 6841 individuals. That’s a 75% increase over 2021.

This year our congregation will be collecting both food and cash contributions February 27 thru April 9, 2023. Donations made during the March Campaign are important to help the Pipestone County Food Shelf secure additional grant funding from Minnesota FoodShare and help provide nutritious food for those in our community that are in need.

Donations of cash or food can be made directly to:
Pipestone County Food Shelf
223 2nd Street N.W.
Pipestone, MN 56164
ALL LOCAL DONATIONS REMAIN IN PIPESTONE



Daily Inspiration:

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week, the final days of his earthly ministry.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'HOSANNA!' "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

~John 12:12-13

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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 - Sunday, April 2nd, 2022

- I will bring my own from home (**please bring to the church by Thursday, April 6th, 2023**)
- 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)
