

"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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21st, 2024

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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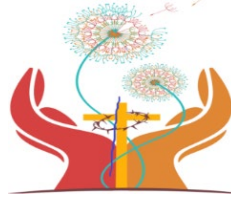
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***Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service***

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

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

C: Amen.

**Opening Hymn: ELW #369 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today;
Alleluia!**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the J 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another. *(a moment of silence for personal reflection)*

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you

**and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our
sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us
by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: 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 J 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

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: ELW #764 – Have No Fear, Little Flock

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be
satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

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: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Children's Sermon

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **John** (John 10:11-18)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: LBW #501 – He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!

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: ELW #388 – Be Not Afraid (sing 2x)



Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #536 – God Be with You till We Meet Again

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.

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored today in honor of Ron & Karen Hellie's 61st wedding anniversary by Ron & Karen Hellie.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We send prayers to Pastor Ann's sister, Meg Petra. We continue our healing prayers for Sarah Meyer, Kay Dubbelde and Erin (Hellie) Schroeder.

***** 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 21st – April 28th)

Today (CAMP SUNDAY): 9:30am – Worship at the church, live-streamed, Camp Shetek w/Marv; 10:45am - Bible Study; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor’s Prayer; 6:15pm - LIFT / Confirmation; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

Saturday: PAS Prom

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship at the church, live-streamed, Royer Baptism; 10:45am – Final Bible Study; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Noisy Offering for APRIL is being collected for: Lutheran Disaster Relief

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$1.45**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

April 2024 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,265.00
Weekly Offering – April 7 th	
Weekly Offering – April 14 th	
Weekly Offering – April 21 st	
Weekly Offering – April 28 th	
MONTH-END TOTAL:	

Needed / week:
4-week month = \$5,316/week
5-week month = \$4,253/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!!



Women of First Lutheran: Do you need some time for yourself? Come to the 2024 Synodical Women’s Convention for some inspiration and refreshment. You will NOT be disappointed by the experience of worship. Speakers, displays and a little bit of business. The convention will take place on Saturday, May 4th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. For registration information, contact Kristy Henriksen. **Registrations are due by April 22nd!!**

Important Upcoming Dates & Events for Children & Youth in April & May

Wednesday, April 24th – 6:15-7:15pm – L.I.F.T./ Confirmation

Wednesday, May 1st – 6:15-7:15pm – LAST NIGHT OF L.I.F.T./ Confirmation

Sunday, May 5th – All LIFT kids sing

Pipestone County Hospice will be holding a six-week adult grief support group from April 2nd to May 7th 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

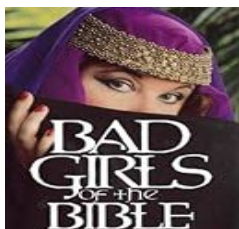
skills, discuss identity changes and find support. Meetings will be on Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at the Pipestone County Hospice House.

For more information or to register please call (507) 825-6024.

This Month's Adult Education Tip:

To increase your biblical knowledge, you can go to youtube.com and search a variety of subjects. Some suggestions are: The Bible, Jesus, The Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther, a specific book of the Bible, etc. Many results will pop up, but you should be careful about what you choose to watch. Some videos are wonderful, with good information and praise of God, but others are not, with criticism of God and inaccurate information. If you are not sure if you are viewing something accurate, you can talk to Pastor Ann. Happy Watching!

From the Adult Education Committee



ALSO: Adult Ed will be holding a Bible Study following worship for 2 more Sundays (**TODAY** & the 28th). The topic is 'Bad Girls of the Bible'.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS HOME MEAL DELIVERIES

There are volunteers needed to deliver home delivered meals for Pipestone on Tues, Thurs. and Fri. If there are a couple of people on a route it is only 1 hour from 10-11. If there are businesses who promote volunteering, it would be great to get those, or churches who would like to help with any of those days & times?

All help is appreciated.

If you are interested, call Kristy at 507-822-7654. Thank you so much!



Quilts, Rugs & Cookbooks For Sale

If you are looking for some beautiful homemade gifts, check out the rugs and quilts in the Fellowship Hall. Quilts are \$50 and rugs are priced on their individual tags. Payments can be made to the FLCW and put in the office mailbox.

We also have church cookbooks available for sale too for \$5!!



RUMMAGE

SALE

Rental space

Are you in need of a space to have your rummage? One where you don't need to worry if it rains or if it's cold & windy?

We have a solution for you....

First Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall!!

For a \$25.00 space fee you get:

~16x8 foot space which includes two 8-foot banquet OR round tables w/chairs

~Restrooms

~Climate (& weather) controlled!

~Set-up is on Friday (5/3) from Noon - 4:00pm

~Hours for selling: 5/3/24 - 4:00-7:00pm

5/4/24 - 8:00am - Noon

(enter thru doors on 7th Av. SW across from SW Park)

You provide:

***bags for any purchases**

***workers for your rummage space**

***Cash for your sales**

***Racks if you need to hang items**

***You set-up and you take down (please take any unsold items with you)**

If you are an organization and have any baked goods you would like to sell, our kitchen space is available as well.

To sign up, call Lori at 507-825-5837

For any questions, contact Cristy Appel at 507-215-1738