

***"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.

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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Members of First Lutheran Church

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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: #582 – Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

**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.**

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**Hymn of Praise: Page 140**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals, we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**Hearing God's Word**

### **First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

[Moses said to the people:] See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

### **Psalm 119:1-8 (please read responsively)**

R: Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

**C: Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**

R: who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

**C: You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

R: Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

**C: Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

R: I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**C: I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

### **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. 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 5:21-37)

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So, when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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

### **Children’s Sermon**

#### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: #772 – Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

#### **Responding to God’s Word**

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

#### **Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and 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: #496 – One Bread, One Body**

**#479 – We Come to the Hungry Feast**

#### **Prayer After Communion**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**God's People Sent Forth**

**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: #604 – O Christ Our Hope**

**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.**

**We practice open Communion here at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood was 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 celebration of Marli Taubert's birthday by her family.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:** We continue to pray for the family of Helen Miller. We also continue to keep Carly Burkard, Lance Oye, Joyce Kunz, Sharon Blom and Jan Harkema in your prayers this week.

**\*\*\* 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 (Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship at the church with Holy Communion & live streamed; Nehemiah Book Study following worship (chp. 5); Pastor meets with worship assistants following worship; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Tuesday:** *Valentine's Day*

**Wednesday:** 6:15pm – L.I.F.T./Confirmation; Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

**Thursday:** AM - Pastor Ann out of the office for conference meeting.

**Sunday:** 9:30am Worship at the church, New Member Sunday & Baptism of Lincoln A Watts; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

<b>February 2023 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Income Needed to Operate&gt;&gt;</b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – Feb. 5th</b>	

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 is \$29.33.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

Are you interested in becoming a new member of First Lutheran Church?  
 Please contact Lori in the church office at 507-825-5837 or by email at [office@firstlutheranpipestone.org](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).  
 New Member Sunday will be NEXT Sunday, February 19th.  
 We would love to have you become a part of our church family here at First Lutheran!

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Upcoming Events – mark your calendars!!**

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

\*Register for these events online at: [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org) or contact the church office for a registration form.

The 37<sup>th</sup> 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.

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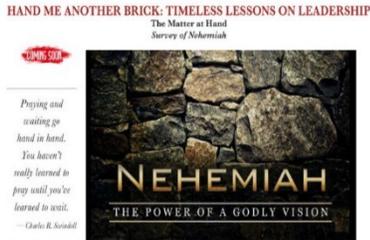
	Week	2-4 Grade	4-6 Grade	7-9 Grade	10-12 Grade	Specialty	Cross-Generational	Offsite Opportunities
1	June 11-16		4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Confirmation Camp 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	CIT Training		ABC Camp June 11-12 GPGC June 14-16	
2	June 18-23	4-H Camp						10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Flambeau River Ramble
3	June 25-30	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Mini June 25-27	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			GPGC June 28-30	
4	July 5-7	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Mini July 5-7	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Mini July 5-7	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Mini July 5-7			GPGC July 5-7	
5	July 9-14				Agape – Ages 14 + July 9-14	SOS Camp July 10-14		
6	July 16-21		4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			ABC Camp July 16-17 Family Camp July 21-23	
7	July 23-28 Christmas in July	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Mini July 23-25	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			GPGC July 26-28	
8	July 30- August 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Mini July 30-Aug1	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Confirmation Camp 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			GPGC Aug 2-4	
9	August 6-11		4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade			Explorer Camp (5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	ABC Camp Aug 6-7 GPGC Aug 9-11	



2023 Summer Schedule  
[www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)

Early Bird registration is due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. To register online, go to: [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org)

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.



**All are welcome to join in on our book study!**  
**Contact the church office to sign up or to order a book.**  
**Books can also be purchased on Amazon.**  
**Dates for Book Study will be as follows right after worship:**  
**February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**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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**DAILY INSPIRATION:**

**Go and do the good that God is calling  
you to do!**

**For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good  
works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

**~Ephesians 2:10**