

***"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.

**Last Sunday after Epiphany  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
New Member Sunday  
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**Ministers:**

Members of First Lutheran Church

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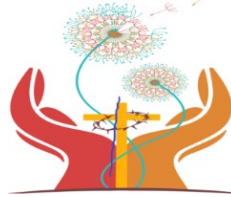
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***Scattering seeds of love,  
worship & service***

**Welcome/Announcements/Reception of New Members**

**Call to Worship:**

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

**Opening Hymn: Forever**

**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 / Hymn of Praise: How Great Is Our God**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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: Exodus 24:12-18**

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

### **Psalm 99 (please read responsively)**

R: The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**C: The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

R: Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

**C: O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

R: Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

**C: Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD; they called upon you, and you answered them,**

R: you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**C: O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

R: Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

### **Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So, we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all, you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 17:1-9)

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

Hymn of the Day: Beautiful One



HOLY BAPTISM of Lincoln A. Watts – page 227 (front of hymnal)  
Parents: Josh and Megan Watts  
Sponsors: Tyler & Madison Strandberg

**Responding to God's Word**

**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: Lord, I Lift Your Name On High**

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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: Shine, Jesus, Shine**

**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 Fern Horton's birthday by Dwight & Sheila Horton and family.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:** We 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. 19<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship at the church, baptism & New Members - live streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Monday:** OFFICE CLOSED

**Wednesday:** 5:30pm - Ash Wednesday; L.I.F.T. & confirmation will meet after the service; Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

**Thursday:** 9:30am - Quilting

**Sunday:** 9:30am Worship at the church; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

<b>February 2023 Offering</b>	
Monthly Income Needed to Operate>>	
Weekly Offering – Feb. 5th	
Weekly Offering – Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	

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 **\$44.33**.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

**WELCOME** to all of the new members to our family here at First Lutheran!!  
**We are truly blessed to have you joining us!!**

Name	Coming from	Occupation / other info
Ken & Karen Boehm	St. Paul Lutheran – Pipestone (returning members to First Lutheran)	Ken – retired Karen – City of Pipestone
Samantha Davis	Chaska, MN	PAS Elementary Music teacher since 2021
Chris, Shelby and Bryer Evans	St. Paul Lutheran – Pipestone	Chris – Lineman @ Xcel Energy Shelby – stylist at Plaza Salon Bryer – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade at PAS Middle School
Andrew, Kayla and Harper Royer	First Lutheran in Brookings, SD	Andrew – H/R @Performance Food Group Kayla – Pharmacist / GuidePoint Pharmacy Harper – 2 years old
Leann Vos	Our Saviors Lutheran - Pipestone	Works in the deli at Coburn's
Josh, Megan and Lincoln Watts	Josh – Faith Lutheran in Waconia, MN Megan – St. Andrews Lutheran in Mahtomedi MN (have resided in Pipestone for about 5 years)	Josh – Pipestone Co Sheriff's Office Megan – Pipestone Systems Lincoln – 7 months (Happy Baptism Day, Lincoln)
Pastor Ann Zastrow	Grace Lutheran – Luverne, MN	Pastor 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.

**Shetek Lutheran Ministries**  
**14 Keeley Island Drive - Slayton MN 56172**

	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	<i>4-H Camp</i>						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-Aug 1	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)

**Additional Events at Shetek Lutheran Ministries:**

Saturday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> OR Sat., September 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am – 4:00pm	Pre-Marriage Workshops - \$30 includes rolls, coffee and lunch
Saturday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-8:00pm	Shetek Square Dance
Sunday, March 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 1:00pm	Sugarbush Pancake Breakfast – free will donation!

**CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022**

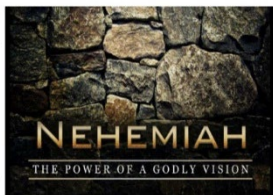
All members should have received an email or a letter in the mail regarding log-in information as well as how to get your picture and family information updated in the online church directory. Information is also available on our website so make sure to check that out.



HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP

LEWIS & CLAY

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



**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:**  
**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:**

**Grow strong from the challenges of this  
day.**

***But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that  
you can stand up under it.***

**~1 Corinthians 10:13**