

"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.

First Sunday in Lent
February 26th, 2023
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: #504 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Psalm 32 (please read responsively)

R: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

R: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

R: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

C: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

R: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

R: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

C: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

R: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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 4:1-11)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #922 – When We Are Tested

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: #685 – Take My Life, That I May Be (vs 1,4, & 5)

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.

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: #618 – Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

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 loving memory of Rae Werner by Steve Werner and family.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We keep Carla and Tim Stanga in our thoughts and prayers on the passing of Carla's mom this past week. We also continue to keep Carly Burkard, Lance Oye, Joyce Kunz, 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 (Feb. 26th to March 5th)

Today: 9:30am – Worship at the church live streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Tuesday: 1:30pm FLCW Group Circle potluck (dessert will be provided).

Wednesday: 5:30pm - Ash Wednesday service (snow makeup); L.I.F.T. & confirmation will meet after the service; 7:00pm – church committee meetings; Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

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

February 2023 Offering	
Monthly Income Needed to Operate>>	
Weekly Offering – Feb. 5th	
Weekly Offering – Feb. 12th	
Weekly Offering – Feb. 19th	

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 \$49.48.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

Beautiful Life Women's Conference:

Growing Together, at American Reformed Church of Luverne, featuring Jennifer Dukes Lee and her book: *Growing Slow*. This in-person event will be April 15 from 9am-4pm. Doors open at 8am. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Register by calling 507-283-8600 or sign up at <https://bit.ly/BLWC23>. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Early bird registration is \$40 per person. Last day for early bird registration is March 12. Registration from March 13 to April 2 is \$50 per person. NO tickets available at the door. Follow us on Facebook at Beautiful Life Conferences.

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 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

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



2023 Summer Schedule
www.shetek.org

Early Bird registration is due by April 1st. To register online, go to: www.shetek.org

Additional Events at Shetek Lutheran Ministries:

Saturday, March 18 th Saturday, April 22 nd OR Sat., September 30 th	8:30am – 4:00pm	Pre-Marriage Workshops - \$30 includes rolls, coffee and lunch
Saturday, March 25 th	6:00-8:00pm	Shetek Square Dance
Sunday, March 26 th	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.

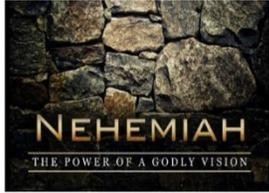


HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP

The Master at Hand
Survey of Nehemiah

OMG, YES!

Paying and waiting go hand in hand. You haven't really learned to pray 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 12th and 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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DAILY INSPIRATION:

Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

~Psalm 147:5