

"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.

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 15th, 2023
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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Members of First Lutheran Church

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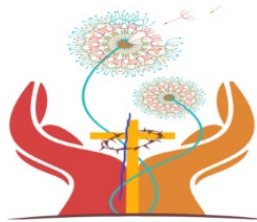
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**Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service**

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

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

Opening Hymn: #808 – Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

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: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship
you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I
was in my mother's womb, he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength - he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." Here ends the first Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-11 (please read responsively)

R: I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

C: The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

R: The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

C: Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

R: Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

C: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

R: And so, I said, "Here I am I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

C: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"

R: I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

C: I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

R: You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 11:2-11)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among

those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #249 – On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Responding to God's Word

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

Offering / Offering Hymn: #314 – Arise, Your Light Has Come! (vs 1 & 4)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: #665 – Rise, Shine, You People

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.

****Please note that as of January 1st, 2023, communion will be on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month.**

The Worship Radio Broadcast today is sponsored by First Lutheran Church.

☩ Continuing Prayer Concerns: Please keep the family of Cory Hoekstra in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve his passing as well as Darlene Muller and her family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Johnny Muller. Also, continue to keep Lance Oye, Joyce Kunz, Sharon Blom, Helen Miller, Bob Fritz and Jan Harkema in your prayers this week as they recover or deal with on-going health issues.

***** 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. Please email the church office@firstlutheranpipestone.org or call 825-5837 when someone is no longer needed to be on the prayer concerns list.**

This Week's Schedule (Jan. 15th to Jan. 22nd)

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

Tuesday: 4:30pm - Worship Committee meeting

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

Thursday: A.M. - Pastor Ann out of office @Synod Conf. mtg.

Sunday: 9:30am Worship at the church & live streamed. Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

January 2023 Offering	

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 for JANUARY will be collected for: Diaper Drive thru SW Health & Human Services

Any sizes are needed and may be brought into the narthex or church office. Cash donations are also welcome for purchasing additional diapers as needed for families.

The total amount collected in January is \$2.00.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.



First Lutheran's Annual Meeting for the 2023 year is set for **Sunday, January 29th** immediately following worship. It would be great to have everyone there. We need your input to make our church the best it can be for our children and future generations to come so please make an effort to join us.

Blessings to you all in 2023 - see you in church!!!!

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.

Be watching for more information regarding New Member Sunday coming SOON.

We would love to have you become a part of our church family here at First Lutheran!

2023 Radio Broadcast Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of a loved one, in celebration of a birthday, etc. the sign up for 2023 is posted in the hall by the offices. Spots are going fast so get signed up TODAY!!

Cost of a radio sponsorship is \$58, payable to First Lutheran Church (please write "Radio" in the memo line).

Thank you in advance for giving to this great ministry!

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

You are truly “making a difference” in the faith building experience at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Last year we raised almost \$38,000! We hope you will remember us again as you use your talents this winter on your crafting projects.

Watch for more information to be posted as it becomes available.

New Life Treatment Center has immediate job openings in their facility. Open positions include: dietary cook, LADC counselor, overnight housekeeping tech, client care techs and licensed nurse. For more information regarding job specifics, please contact Cheryl at 507-777-4321 ext 203.

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.

We would love to have everyone’s picture included in the directory so that Pastor Ann can get to know your face as well as your name!



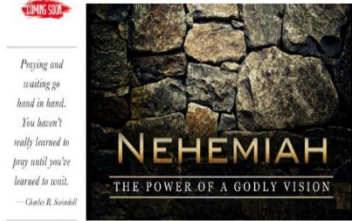
Parsonage Project:

The Parsonage project is complete and the final bills are in. Please consider donating toward the \$80,000 project (this is also a tax-deductible donation). Identify your check as going toward the **parsonage project**. We are lucky to be debt free as a church and would like to pay for the remodel entirely through generous donations from our members and from

funds available in accounts held within the church. Having an updated home for our Pastor supports our ministry in the community. Please consider contributing to our mission in this way.

The total amount donated to this date is **\$76,707.50.** *Thank you for your support of this mission.*

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP
The Matter at Hand
Survey of Nehemiah



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 12th, 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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