

"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.

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 22nd, 2023
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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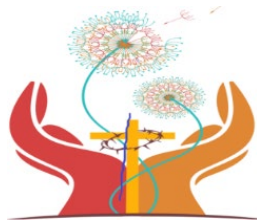
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**Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service**

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

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

Opening Hymn: #715 – Christ, Be Our Light

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, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and
direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen**

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (please read responsively)

R: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

R: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up - on a rock.

C: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

R: Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

C: My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

R: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of 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 4:12-23)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And

he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #798 – Will You Come and Follow Me

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

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.

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: #336 – Lamb of God

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 in celebration of Mavis Pierson's 90th birthday.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We keep Dale and Jenny Mathews and their family in our thoughts and prayers on the passing of Jenny's mother, Wilhemina (Minnie) Perschke this past Monday. We also pray for Sarah Meyer as she will be having throat surgery on Wednesday. We continue to keep Lance Oye, Joyce Kunz, Sharon Blom, Helen Miller 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. 22nd to Jan. 29th)

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

Tuesday: 1:30pm – FLCW Group Circle with dessert (Fireside Room) NOTE: no one needs to bring anything!

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

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

Sunday: 9:30am Worship at the church & live streamed, ANNUAL MEETING immediately after worship.
Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

January 2023 Offering	
Monthly Income Needed to Operate>>	
Weekly Offering – Jan. 1st	
Other Income – Parsonage – Jan. 1st	
Weekly Offering – Jan. 8th	
Other Income – Parsonage – Jan. 8th	
Weekly Offering – Jan. 15th	
Other Income – Parsonage – Jan. 15th	

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

All 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 **\$14.29**.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

The flowers on the altar this morning are in celebration of Mavis Pierson's 90th birthday.
Please join us after worship for coffee and donuts in the Narthex.

Happy Birthday Mavis!!





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!

UPCOMING EVENT: Shetek Camp Sunday – Sunday, February 5th

Members from Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp will be here to participate in our worship service and to give the Children's Sermon. We encourage all members, especially families, to join us to learn about the great things Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp has to offer!! We hope to see you on February 5th!!!

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.

	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, Early Bird Discount available for 2 more weeks!!!! Sign up **BEFORE FEBRUARY 1st** to get the Early, Early Bird Discount.
 Register online at: www.shetek.org

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



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
LaDonna Myers

Carol Johnson
Mavis Pierson

Becky Kaffar
Judy Stubbe

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