

"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.

4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 29th, 2023
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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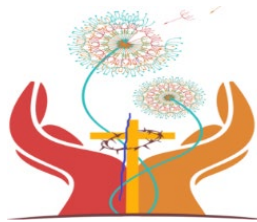
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**Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service**

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

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

Opening Hymn: #714– Oh God of Mercy, God of Light (vs 1,2,3,6)

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: Page 138

Hymn of Praise: Page 139

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Psalm 15 (please read responsively)

R: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

R: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

C: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

R: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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 5:1-12)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #790 – Day By Day

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: 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: #545 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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 honor of Barb Benz's birthday by Lori Ilse.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We keep Sarah Meyer in our prayers as she recovers from throat surgery. We continue to keep Carly Burkard, 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. You can also email the church office@firstlutheranpipestone.org.**

This Week's Schedule (Jan. 29th to Feb. 5th)

Today: 9:30am – Worship at the church & live streamed. ANNUAL MEETING immediately following worship;
Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 6:15pm – L.I.F.T./Confirmation; 7pm – Church Committee meetings; Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 1:00pm – P.I.M. meeting

Sunday: 9:30am Shetek Sunday Worship at the church/Holy Communion & live streamed, 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	
Weekly Offering – Jan. 22nd	
Other Income – Parsonage – Jan. 22nd	

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 **\$71.45** and 1 pack of diapers.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.



Please be sure to stay for our Annual Meeting immediately following Worship today. Everyone's input is valued and needed to ensure that we are serving everyone's needs here at First Lutheran. We can't do this without you!

[Psalm 84:11](#)

For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing
does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

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.

New Member Sunday will be on Sunday, February 19th.

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 – NEXT 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!

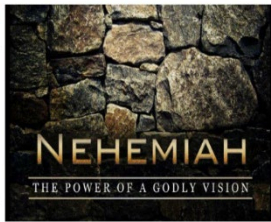


HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP

The Matter at Hand
Survey of Nehemiah

CHRISTIAN SONG

Praying 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:
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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