

**"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.

**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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Members of First Lutheran Church

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**Organist:** Paul Henriksen

**Sound:** Mike Straw

**Reader:** Samantha Davis

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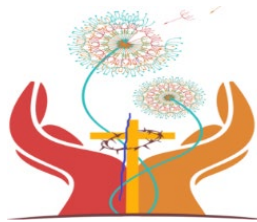
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**Scattering seeds of love,  
worship & service**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

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

**Opening Hymn: #423 – Shall We Gather at the River**

**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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**Hymn of Praise: Page 140**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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: Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. Here ends the first Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29 (please read responsively)**

R: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

R: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

R: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

R: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

R: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

R: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." 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 3:13-17)

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: #304 – Christ When for You Were Baptized**

### **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)**

### **Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **Service of Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving/Words of Institution**

P: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also, with you**

P: Lift up your hearts.      **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.      **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

### **Distribution of the Elements**

**Communion Hymns: #484 – You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

**#483 – Here is Bread**

### **Prayer After Communion**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### **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: #732 – Borning Cry

**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.***

***\*\*Please note that beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, communion will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.***

*We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Apple juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

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

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Please continue to keep Lance Oye, Joyce Kunz, Sharon Blom, Helen Miller, Bob Fritz 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. 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. 8<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship/Holy Communion at the church & live streamed. Nehemiah Bible Study (Lesson 5) after Worship; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Wednesday:** 6:15pm – L.I.F.T./Confirmation; 8:00pm – Church Council meeting; 12pm & 5:00pm - Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

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

**REMINDER TO CHURCH COMMITTEES: Please make sure to get your End-Of-Year items for the Annual Meeting into the office ASAP. The Annual Meeting is set for January 29<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 for JANUARY will be collected for: Diaper Drive thru Pipestone County Family 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!!!!

### **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!!**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Additional information</b>
<b>April 28-29, 2023</b>	<b>Confirmation Retreat</b>	<b>More information will be forthcoming.</b>

**\*Register for these events online at: [www.shetek.org](http://www.shetek.org) or contact the church office for a registration form.**

### **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:**

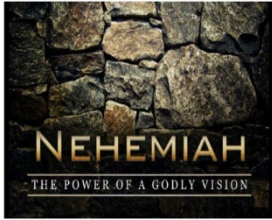
We are so thankful to have Pastor Ann all settled into our parsonage!! Please consider donating toward the \$80,000 project (this is also a tax-deductible donation). Identify your check as going toward the **parsonage project**. We are lucky to be debt free as a church and would like to pay for the remodel 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 **\$72,020.00**. *Thank you for your support of this mission.*

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP

The Matter at Hand  
Survey of Nehemiah

COMING SOON

*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:  
TODAY (January 8<sup>th</sup>), February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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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