

***"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.

**Tenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
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: ELW #729 – The Church of Christ, in Every Age**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus  
Christ our 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: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and  
humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known  
and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to  
do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we  
may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our**

**Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace  
you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power  
through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

***Gathering***

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Kyrie: pg 147**

**Hymn of Praise: pg 148**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your  
truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Hearing God's Word**

### **First Lesson: John 6:1-21**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so, they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also, the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So, they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

### **Psalm 14 (please read responsively)**

R: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good.

**C: The Lord looks down from heaven up on us all, to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.**

R: They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

**C: Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call up on the Lord?**

R: See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.

**C: Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.**

R: Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice, and Israel will be glad.

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

### **Children's Time**

P: Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The Holy Gospel is taken from **2 Samuel 11:1-27a**

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

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So, David sent messengers to get her, and she came

to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So, David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So, Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die." As Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant warriors. The men of the city came out and fought with Joab; and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite was killed as well. Then Joab sent and told David all the news about the fighting; and he instructed the messenger, "When you have finished telling the king all the news about the fighting, then, if the king's anger rises, and if he says to you, 'Why did you go so near the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? Who killed Abimelech son of Jerubbaal? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?' then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead too.'" So, the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent him to tell. The messenger said to David, "The men gained an advantage over us, and came out against us in the field; but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate. Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall; some of the king's servants are dead; and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this matter trouble you, for the sword devours now one and now another; press your attack on the city and overthrow it.' And encourage him." When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

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

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #603 – God, When Human Bonds Are Broken (vs 1,3 & 4)**

### *Responding to God's Word*

#### **Apostle's 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: ELW #692 – We Are an Offering**

#### **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**

***Benediction***

P: The God of all grace † bless you now and forever. C: Amen.

**Sending Hymn: ELW #689 – Praise and Thanksgiving**

***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.**

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** is sponsored today in loving memory of our sisters, Linda Johansen and Bette Watts by Ron & Karen Hellie.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

We continue our healing prayers for Colstan Kent, Derek Ilse, JoAnn Straw, Sarah Meyer and Kay Dubbelde.

**\*\*\* 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).**

**This Week's Schedule (July 28<sup>th</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship at the church, live-streamed; 11:30am – Fairstand Kick-Off picnic; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Wednesday (County Fair BEGINS):** 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 12:30pm & 8:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

**Don't forget the First Lutheran Fairstand is open from 11am – 10pm Wednesday thru Saturday!!!!**

**Sunday:** 9:30am – Worship at the church, w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Noisy Offering for JUNE & JULY is being collected for: Pipestone County Hospice**

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$213.12.**

**THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.**

<b>July2024 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$21,265.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offering – July 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – July 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – July 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – July 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	

Needed per week:

4-week month = \$5,316/week

5-week month = \$4,253/week

Extra offering books are available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take another book if you are running low!!

Simply Giving is also available online by scanning the QR code in the bulletin.

VISITORS – please feel free to scan the QR code (by Offering above) if you wish to give to First Lutheran today.

THANK YOU for giving!!

It's a boy for Mike & Claressa Kent!!! Colstan Kent was born on July 11<sup>th</sup> a little before his due date (@34 weeks). He is currently in the NICU until he is ready to go home to his older brother, Mason. Please keep them in your prayers as little Colstan continues to gain strength. If you would like to send them a baby gift, feel free to go to one of the

links below:

Venmo: [https://venmo.com/u/CT\\_Kent22](https://venmo.com/u/CT_Kent22)

Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/michaelclaressa-kent-august-2024-pipestone/3BT088ULWF4QV>

CONGRATULATIONS to the Kent family!!!

IT'S A  
BOY!



Farewell from the Johnson's  
THANK YOU to our First Lutheran family for 48 years of Christian Fellowship!! Gratitude and love fill our hearts as we treasure our many memories. We will miss you all! May God continue to bless you at First Lutheran Church.

*Paul & Carol Johnson*

**Join us for a Kick-Off picnic at the Fairstand  
after worship TODAY (July 28<sup>th</sup>) at 11:30am.**

**The menu is: burgers, BBQ's, hotdogs, chips, beverages and a slice of pie.**

**Free-will donations welcome.**



The Fair will be here in before we know it! The planning and prepping are pretty much complete. Now we are in need of workers to help serve our fairgoers! Last year, so many of you stepped in to help where and when you could and we are SO VERY THANKFUL! We can't open the fairstand without workers so please sign-up to help where and when you can – many hands make light work – and make this year better than last!



The Antique Tractor Pull that was scheduled for Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled so we will NOT need to be open for that as originally planned.

*Stop into the church office for free meal tickets for kids 18 and under, free ice cream cone tickets (kids of ALL ages w/special THANKS to Gorter Clay & Dairy), OR a free slice of pie tickets that are available for pickup in the office (members ONLY). Ride tickets will also be available.*

Contact the church office if you have questions.

Get signed up by typing in this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DA4AB2EABF85-50101799-fairstand>

OR by scanning the QR code with your phone. >>>

Sign-up sheets are also available in the Narthex and are updated weekly.

THANK YOU in advance!!!!



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**Adult Education Tip:**

In the Lutheran Church we talk of Martin Luther a great deal of the time, but we must not forget his wife, Katie. She contributed greatly to the early days of the Lutheran Church and many stories have been written about her.

One book I can recommend looking through is the graphic novel, Katie Luther, by Susan K, Leigh. It has wonderful drawings of her life and her part in the Reformation. You can get it on [cph.org](http://cph.org)

Thanks, Robert A. Baerenwald (Adult Education Committee)

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**Quick note regarding services on Cable TV: They recently updated their system and are having some technical issues, so our taped services are not playing correctly. They are aware of the situation and are working to get the kinks straightened out for those of you who watch First Lutheran's services on the TV. Please be patient as they work through the issues.**

**THANK YOU for your understanding!!!**

Support Pipestone County Food Shelf's participation in

**15th Annual Summer Challenge**  
July 01 - 31

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

the **Open Your Heart Summer Challenge** aims to boost food shelves in Minnesota when they need it most. During the summer months, food shelf donations are traditionally low and this summer the need is even greater!

The **Summer Challenge** provides a proportional grant to match financial donations made in July to participating Minnesota Food Shelves like Pipestone County Food Shelf! Visit Pipestone County Food Shelf and make a donation today!

Donations of cash or food can be made directly to:  
223 2nd St NW • Pipestone, MN 56164 25c

# DEMENTIA AWARENESS WALK



**WHEN**  
**Saturday, October 5, 2024**  
**9am - Registration 10am - Walk Begins**

**WHERE**  
**The Schroeder Center**  
205 - 2nd St. NW  
Pipestone MN 56164

Call Jill Toering at A.C.E. of SW MN - Pipestone Co. at 507.215.6837 for information and other registration options. Or, scan the QR Code below:



## DONATE BY CASH OR CHECK

Make all checks payable to **SW MN Dementia Awareness Network (SWDAN)** and mail to:  
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