

"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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17th, 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 #597 –

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: 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: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 119:9-16 (please read responsively)

R: How shall the young keep their way clean? By keeping to your word.

C: With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.

R: I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

C: Blessed are you, O LORD; instruct me in your statutes.

R: With my lips I recite all the judgments of your mouth.

C: I take greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.

R: I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

C: My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Children's Sermon

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **John** (John 12:20-33)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this

world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.
The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #744 – Lord, Be Glorified

Responding to God's Word

Apostle's Creed (pg 105)

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

P: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Offering / Offering Hymn: ELW #186 – Create in Me a Clean Heart



Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #660 – Lift High the Cross

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.

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored today in remembrance of my dad, Tom Benz by Lori Ilse.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We send prayers of comfort to Cole and Marah Lytle on the passing of Marah's grandpa, Harold Steenstra and we continue our prayers of comfort to the family of Bill Sorenson. We also keep in our prayers Kay Dubbelde and Erin (Hellie) Schroeder as they continue to recover.

*** 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 (March 17th - March 24th)

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

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 5:30pm – Lenten service; 6:15pm - L.I.F.T./Confirmation & 5th gr First Communion instruction; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:00am – Pastor Ann out of office – Synod Conference meeting.

Sunday PALM SUNDAY & Camp Sunday: 9:30am – Worship at the church w/Palm Parade and Shetek Ministries, LIFT kids (gr. 3-5) sing, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Noisy Offering for FEBRUARY & MARCH is being collected for: The local Food Shelf

The total amount collected for the local Food Shelf thus far is: **\$484.98**

Don't forget the March Match!!! Double your donation!

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

March 2024 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,265.00
Weekly Offering – March 3 rd	
Lent Wednesday Offering – March 6 th	
Weekly Offering – March 10 th	
Lent Wednesday Offering – March 13 th	
Weekly Offering – March 17 th	\$
Lent Wednesday Offering – March 20 th	\$
Weekly Offering – March 24 th (Palm Sunday)	\$
Maundy Thursday Offering – March 28 th	\$
Good Friday Offering – March 29 th	\$
Weekly Offering – EASTER – March 31 st	\$
MONTH-END TOTAL:	

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!!

Pipestone County Hospice will be holding a six-week adult grief support group from April 2nd to May 7th at the Pipestone County Hospice House. Grief support groups allow individuals mourning the loss of a loved one the chance to come together in a safe environment to discuss their experiences. Mourners are given a space to share his/her thoughts and emotions. The group will discover coping skills, discuss identity changes and find support. Meetings will be on Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at the Pipestone County Hospice House.

For more information or to register please call (507) 825-6024.

Beautiful Life Conference 2024 is hosting a Teen Night for girls grades 7-12, and a Women's Conference this spring! Both events will feature speaker, writer, and radio-girl, Debbie Griffith! Debbie is an animated entertainer and a passionate encourager, activated by God's grace to help you live freely in His goodness.

The **Women's Conference** will be **Saturday, April 13** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with doors opening at 8 a.m. In addition to being a great speaker, you will also experience powerful worship, meaningful connections, and even a little shopping! Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Gluten-free options will be available. Registration is \$50 per person.

Girls Teen Night featuring Debbie Griffith on teen girl friendships, will be **Friday, April 12** from 7-9 p.m. We would like every teen to hear about the importance of being a good friend and having good friends, so we are offering this as a FREE event to girls grades 7-12.

Please register for either event at <https://arcluv.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2150113> or call the church office at (507) 283-8600. Pre-registration is REQUIRED by April 1. NO tickets available at the door. Both events will be held at American Reformed Church, 304 N Fairview Drive, Luverne, MN.



40 Days of Lent/40 Personal Care Kits Project

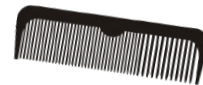


Items Needed are:

- **1 new bath-sized towel**
- **2 bath-sized bars of soap (4-5 oz) any brand, in original wrapping**
- **1 adult-sized toothbrush (in original packaging, multi-packs are accepted)**



- **1 sturdy, wide-tooth comb**



Place items in the purple collection tote in the Narthex!!

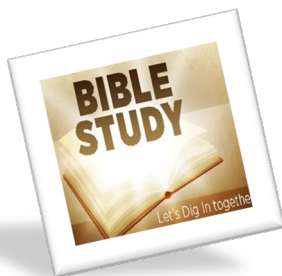
Important Upcoming Dates & Events for Children & Youth in March

Wednesday, March 20th: 5:30pm - Lent service, LIFT / Confirmation until 6:45pm.

6:15pm – 7:15pm - 1st Communion for 5th grade in Youth Room

Sunday, March 24th PALM SUNDAY & CAMP SUNDAY: Camp Shetek will be here to participate in worship and we will also have a Palm Parade for the kids and LIFT Kids (gr 3-5) sing!!!

Thursday, March 27th – 5th gr bread baking (time TBD)



Are you interested in Bible Study topics or some resources for the library? Check out this catalog link for some ideas you would like to see made available here at First Lutheran.

www.VisionVideo.com

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS FOR 2024

If you have signed up for a recurring radio sponsorships in the past, OR if you would like to get signed up for a spot, please stop in to the church office, check the list posted in the Narthex or you can check it online

(www.firstlutheranpipestone.org) for the 2024 sponsorship schedule. There are a few spots left. Cost of the Radio

Sponsorship is \$58.00 and is considered a donation so can be used as a tax deduction.

Please contact Lori in the church office if you have any questions or need to make any changes.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry through the radio sponsorship ministry! 😊

Open Radio Slots for 2024

May 12th

October 13th

June 30th

December 15th

If you would like to sign up for any of the open radio sponsor slots, please contact Lori in the office or go to our website for the link to get signed up. **THANK YOU!!!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS HOME MEAL DELIVERIES

There are volunteers needed to deliver home delivered meals for Pipestone on Tues, Thurs. and Fri. If there are a couple of people on a route it is only 1 hour from 10-11. If there are businesses who promote volunteering, it would be great to get those, or churches who would like to help with any of those days & times?

All help is appreciated.

If you are interested, call Kristy at 507-822-7654. Thank you so much!



Quilts, Rugs & Cookbooks For Sale

If you are looking for some beautiful homemade gifts, check out the rugs and quilts in the Fellowship Hall. Quilts are \$50 and rugs are priced on their individual tags. Payments can be made to the FLCW and put in the office mailbox.

We also have church cookbooks available for sale too for \$5!!



How can we serve you better or are we doing OK?! Drop us a note and let us know your thoughts/ideas for First Lutheran. We would like to hear from you, so feel free to send us a note in the offering plate!

Wishing you a very blessed week!!

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**WAIT – DON'T FORGET
THE EASTER FLOWER FORM IS
ON THE BACK >>>>**





Do you wish to contribute to the Easter Flower fund this Easter? Donations can be given in memory or in honor of your loved ones. These donations will be used to purchase an appropriate number of Easter flowers to decorate the church, with the remainder of the funds to go towards other church projects. You may also bring in flowers from your own home – just please make sure to put your name on it so you can take it home after Easter.

If you would like to order or make a donation, please complete the following information & return this portion to the church office or the offering plates.

NO LATER than Sunday, March 24th, 2024 (Palm Sunday)

- I will bring my own from home (**please bring to the church by Thursday, March 28th, 2024**)
- Here is a contribution to the Easter Flower Fund. Amount: \$ _____
(include payment with this form.)

Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Contribution is: **in memory of** **in honor of**
(Please print clearly)

Pay to: First Lutheran Church, 401 7th Av SW, Pipestone MN 56164
(Please put "Easter Fund" in the memo line)