

*"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.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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

**Welcome/Announcements/Camp Shetek (Lexie Blaschko)**



**Call to Worship:**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

**Opening Hymn: #344 – All Glory, Laud and Honor**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{J}$  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  $\text{†}$  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: Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those, who with their tongue, confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives, praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**L.I.F.T Kids (gr 3-5) - ~ I Am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N  
~ Amazing Grace**

### **Hearing God's Word**

#### **First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-17**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will arouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. On that day the LORD their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. For what goodness and beauty are his! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women. Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (please read responsively)**

R: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**C: Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

R: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

**C: "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."**

R: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

**C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

R: By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

R: Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

**C: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

R: The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

**C: You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

R: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

#### **Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-7**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

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

#### **Children's Sermon – Lexie Blaschko from Shetek Lutheran Ministries**

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Mark** (Mark 11:1-11)

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

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: #264 – Prepare the Royal Highway**

*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: #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: #805 – Lead On, O King Eternal!**

**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.**

**A special THANK YOU to Lexie from Shetek Lutheran Ministries! We are so thankful and blessed to have you here today!!**

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored today in memory of Dale Veen by Carol Veen and her family.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:** We send prayers to the family of Marlene Kozlowski who passed away this past week. We continue our healing prayers for Kay Dubbelde and Erin (Hellie) Schroeder.

\*\*\* 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 (March 17<sup>th</sup> - March 24<sup>th</sup>)**

**Today (PALM SUNDAY & Camp Sunday):** 9:30am – Worship at the church, live-streamed, with Shetek Lutheran Ministries, LIFT Kids (gr 3-5) sing; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Tuesday:** 11:30am – Ministerial meeting at ATLAS

**Wednesday:** 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 3:45pm – 5<sup>th</sup> gr First Communion bread-making, NO LIFT or Confirmation; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

**Thursday:** NO QUILTING; 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday service w/1<sup>st</sup> Communion for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Friday:** 7:00pm – Good Friday service

**Sunday – EASTER SUNDAY:** 9:30am – Worship at the church w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; 1:00-2:00pm Pastor Ann at Good Sam, 2:00-3:00pm Pastor Ann at Ridgeview; 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: **\$505.96**

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

**Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.**

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

**Needed / 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!!**

Shetek Conference for Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9:30am – noon at the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church. First Lutheran FLCW will be helping to serve.

See the posted flyers in the Narthex for more information!!!

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## 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!!

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### Important Upcoming Dates & Events for Children & Youth in March

Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> gr bread baking (time TBD)

Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:15-7:15pm – L.I.F.T./ Confirmation resumes

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Pipestone County Hospice will be holding a six-week adult grief support group from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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#### This Month's Adult Education Tip:

To increase your biblical knowledge, you can go to youtube.com and search a variety of subjects. Some suggestions are: The Bible, Jesus, The Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther, a specific book of the Bible, etc. Many results will pop up, but you should be careful about what you choose to watch. Some videos are wonderful, with good information and praise of God, but others are not, with criticism of God and inaccurate information. If you are not sure if you are viewing something accurate, you can talk to Pastor Ann. Happy Watching!

Adult Education Committee

**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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup>

June 30<sup>th</sup>

December 15<sup>th</sup>

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!!!**

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### 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!



*Community*   
*Hymn Sing & Potluck*  


Join us for a hymn sing and potluck! Hymnals will be provided and song requests will be taken. Dari King BBQs, buns, paper products, and water/lemonade will be provided. Bring a side dish, dessert, or salad to share, if able. All ages welcome! Singing starts at 12:30. There will be a cash bar available.

**Saturday, April 13th, 2024**  
**11:30 AM to 2PM**  
**Pipestone American Legion Hall**

Organized by First Lutheran Church-Pipestone



## 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!!



### Daily Inspiration:

**Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and marks the start of Holy Week, the final days of his earthly ministry.**

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'HOSANNA!' "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

~John 12:12-13

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**WAIT – DON'T FORGET .....**  
**THE EASTER FLOWER FORM IS ON THE BACK**  
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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 TODAY (Palm Sunday)**

- I will bring my own from home (**please bring to the church by Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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)

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