

"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.

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3rd, 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 #772 –

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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 149

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Holy God, through your Son, you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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: Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 (please read responsively)

R: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

C: One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

R: Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

C: their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

R: It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

C: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

R: The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C: The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

R: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

R: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

C: Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

R: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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 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.

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 2:13-22)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #723 – Canticle of the Turning

Responding to God's Word

Apostle's Creed

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.

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: ELW #803 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
 ELW #856 – How Great Thou Art**

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.
C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Benediction

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #705 – God of Grace and God of Glory

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.

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. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored today in loving memory of Rae Werner by Stever Werner & family.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We send prayers of comfort to all of the following: Creighton Schroyer and his family on the passing of his dad, Richard (Chuck) Schroyer; to the family of Bill Sorenson who passed away last weekend and to Larry Harkema, Cole & Marah Lytle and their family on the passing of Jan this past Thursday. We also continue 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.**

This Week’s Schedule (March 3rd - March 10th)

Today: 9:30am – Worship at the church, w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; 3:00pm – First Communion Instruction (for 5th gr); 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; 7:00pm – Church committee meetings; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 4:00pm – Worship Committee meeting

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

Noisy Offering for FEBRUARY & MARCH will be collected for: The local Food Shelf

The total amount collected for the local Food Shelf thus far is: **\$381.68**

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

February 2024 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	
Weekly Offering – February 4 th	
Weekly Offering – February 11 th	
Ash Wednesday Offering – February 14 th	
Weekly Offering – February 18 th	
Lent Wednesday Offering – February 21 st	
Weekly Offering – February 25 th	
Lent Wednesday Offering – February 28 th	
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 if you wish to give to First Lutheran today. THANK YOU for giving!!

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.



Turn your clocks FORWARD 1 hour on Saturday night March 9th. Spring will be here before you know it!



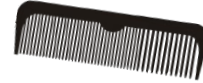
40 Days of Lent/40 Personal Care Kits Project

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!!

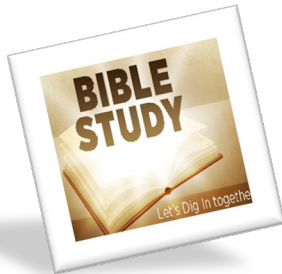
Important Upcoming Dates & Events for Children & Youth in March

Sunday, March 3rd: 3:00-7:00pm – First Communion Instruction for 5th graders.

Wednesday, March 6th, 13th & 20th: 5:30pm - Lent service, LIFT / Confirmation until 6:45pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

PALM SUNDAY & CAMP SUNDAY will be on Sunday, March 24th. Camp Shetek will be here to participate in worship and we will also have a Palm Parade for the kids for Palm Sunday!!!



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

April 28th

June 30th

October 20th

May 12th

September 1st

December 15th

May 19th

October 13th

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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