

"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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 8th, 2023 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: #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.

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: Gracious 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.

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 138

Hymn of Praise: pg 140

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

Psalms 80:7-15 (please read responsively)

R: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

R: You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

C: The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

R: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

C: Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

R: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

C: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

R: behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So, they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Hymn #695 – As Saints of Old

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.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering / Offering Hymn: Hymn #691 – Accept O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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: #592 – Just As I Am, without One Plea
#654 – The Church's One Foundation

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Benediction

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

Sending Hymn: Hymn #547 – Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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 honor of my sister, Tami & my son's (Derek & Justin) birthdays as well as Tami and Craig Stevens' anniversary by Lori Ilse.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: We pray for Gene Spicer and his family on the passing of his daughter, Val Carmody. We also keep Gail Brockberg in our prayers after being hospitalized following a fall this past week. We continue to keep in our prayers: LaVonne Lorang, Cheryl Greenhoff and Jan Harkema.

*** 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 (October 8th – October 15th)

NOTE: Pastor Ann will be at the Fall Theological meeting Sunday afternoon and will be back in the office Wednesday morning.

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

Wednesday: 6:15pm – LIFT /Confirmation; 7:30pm – Church Council meeting; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

Friday (pm) & Saturday: Benz family reunion - Fellowship Hall

Sunday: 9:30am - Worship at the church w/Holy Communion with Pastor Paul Benz & Mark Benz; live-streamed

October 2023 Offering	
Monthly Income Needed to Operate>>	\$17,800.00
Weekly Offering – October 1st	

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 barcodes on the yellow pew tags or signs in the Narthex.

Noisy Offering for October is being collected for: Lutheran Disaster Response

The total amount collected was: **\$0.83**

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

Thank you for the lovely farewell coffee which you provided for us after the Sunday worship service on September 10th! A special thank you to Scott & Gail Barduson, Pastor Ann, Kristy Henriksen and Darlene Muller for making the goodies and coffee.

Thank you, Lori Ilse and Gail Barduson, for the research, time & effort to print some of our history. All of you have provided wonderful memories over the years which we will cherish. We will never forget our church family and the church we will always call 'home'.
The Lord bless & keep you, *Bill & Jeanine*

Thank You!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: First Lutheran will be serving at The Banquet on Wednesday, October 25th. We are in need of at least 6 adults to help with food preparation. If you would like to help, please contact Kristy Henriksen by Friday, October 20th.



We are always in need of Readers and Communion Assistants, if you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex or contact Lori in the office!

Your help is GREATLY appreciated!!

Pipestone County Hospice will be holding a 6-week adult grief support group from October 10th to November 14th 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 10:00am – 11:00am at the Pipestone County Hospice House.



Quick Note: Please make sure to supervise any younger children if they are in the church basement. We just want to make sure everyone is safe while in the church. For our older kids, please make sure to pick up after yourselves and show respect to the wonderful spaces here at FLC.

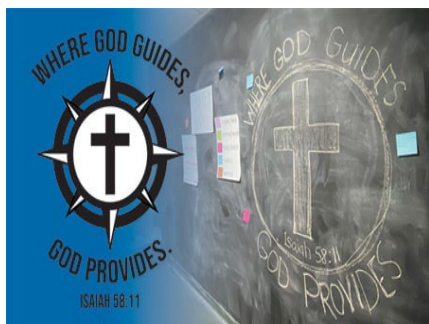
Also, we would like to add a few more things to our Child's Room downstairs. If you have some gently used toys, kid's furniture, etc. and would like to donate them, please bring them in to the church office.

Important Upcoming Dates & Events for Children & Youth in October:

Wednesday, October 11th: LIFT / Confirmation @6:15pm

Wednesday, October 18th: NO LIFT / Confirmation (MEA Break)

Wednesday, October 25th: FLC Youth serve at The Banquet in Sioux Falls; 6:15pm – LIFT at the church

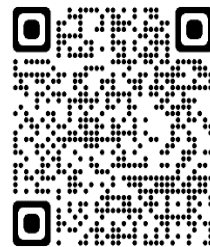


Registration for the **Junior High Youth Gathering November 17th & 18th in Willmar MN** has begun!

If your child is in grades 6th thru 9 and they would be interested in going, get signed up on SignUp Genius (QR Code is on the right >>)

OR you can contact Lori in the church office to get your name on the list! More details are posted on the church website (under Youth Events) and on the FB page. Deadline to get signed up is **October 10th**. We

also need male and female chaperones. If you are interested in helping, please get signed up!



Join us for Coffee Fellowship in the Narthex TODAY following worship!! If you would like to bring goodies to pass or to help serve, sign-up sheets are in the Narthex also!





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 better serve you or are we doing OK?! Drop us a note and let us know your thoughts. We would like to hear from you even if we can't always chat with you in person, feel free to send us a note in the offering plate! Wishing you a very blessed week!!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you have any pictures of church events that you have taken and that you would like to share and have put in the church directory, please bring them by the church office, send them via email or you can bring them in on a USB. This has been a one-person project so any pictures you have to share would be GREATLY appreciated!!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A PRINTED COPY OF THE CHURCH DIRECTORY, PLEASE CONTACT Lori IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY PHONE OR BY LEAVING A MESSAGE IN THE OFFERING PLATE. I hope to have printed directories done by December. Thank You!!

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Daily Inspiration:

Ultimately, you just have one life. You never know unless you try, and you never get anywhere unless you ask. ~Kate Winslet

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. ~Ephesians 3:20