

**"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.

**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**February 25th, 2024**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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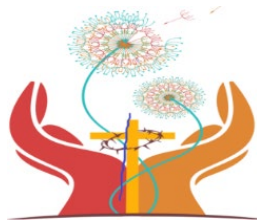
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**Scattering seeds of love,  
worship & service**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: ELW #802**

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**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, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

### **Psalm 22:23-31 (please read responsively)**

R: You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

**C: For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

R: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**C: For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

R: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**C: Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

R: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

### **Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 **Mark** (Mark 8:31-38)

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

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #704 – When Pain of the World Surrounds Us**

### ***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 #857 – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**



### **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 #685 – Take My Life, That I May Be**

### ***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 memory of Fern Horton’s birthday by Dwight & Sheila Horton and family.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:** We send prayers of comfort to Ingrid Wielenberg and her family on the passing of Ingrid’s grandmother. We continue prayers for Kay Dubbelde, Erin (Hellie) Schroeder 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).**

**This Week’s Schedule (February 25<sup>th</sup>- March 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**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; 12:00pm & 3:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

**Thursday:** 12:00pm – FLCW Group Circle

**Sunday:** 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: **\$127.71**

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

<b>February 2024 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$21,265.00</b>
Weekly Offering – February 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – February 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Ash Wednesday Offering – February 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – February 18 <sup>th</sup>	
Lent Wednesday Offering – February 21 <sup>st</sup>	\$
Weekly Offering – February 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$
Lent Wednesday Offering – February 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$
<b>MONTH-END TOTAL:</b>	

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!!

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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!!**

### **Important Upcoming Dates & Events for Children & Youth in February**

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>: 5:30pm - Lent service, LIFT / Confirmation until 6:45pm.

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

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

### **More upcoming events for ALL MEMBERS...**

Tickets were donated for afternoon/evening tubing. If you are interested in tickets, please contact Lori in the church office by phone or email.



### **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**

April 28<sup>th</sup>

May 12<sup>th</sup>

May 19<sup>th</sup>

June 30<sup>th</sup>

September 1<sup>st</sup>

October 13<sup>th</sup>

October 20<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!!!**

### **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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