

† *Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We invite you to journey with us as we explore the life of faith together. At First Lutheran all are welcome in every aspect of our congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together. God empowers us to live out our purpose which is to share his word and the promise of salvation.*



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Sunday, February 17, 2019
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 858

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (vs. 1,3,4)

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the Lord of Israel who creates and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of +Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **C: Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 17:5-10

5Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. 6They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7 Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. 8They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. 9The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? 10I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Here ends the first lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

17[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. 20Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 24"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 26"Woe to you

when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 728 “Blest Are They”

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

RECEIVING OF OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN No. 801 “Change My Heart, O God”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 table. Feast on God’s abundant life for you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION HYMNS 483, 496, 522

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at the banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us.

Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

SENDING HYMN No. 670..... “Build Us Up, Lord”

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME! 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. Apple juice is available upon request.

THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is sponsored in memory of my sister, Cindy Woodbury by Rob Woodbury.

Ministers.....	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader.....	Julie Colvin
Organist	Paul Henriksen
Acolytes	Mylee Weber & Rysley Borman
Ushers.....	Bob Fritz, Scot Leddy, Mike Thode, Dave Dulas
Sound	Jason Weber & Mark Zinnel
Communion Assistant	Wendi Weber

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Deb Smith, Darline Dalin, Dan Wagner and Barb Benz as they deal with health issues, Sarah & Harold Meyer’s daughter, Crystal, as she undergoes cancer treatment, Sarah Meyer’s sister, Mary and Nancy Finzen’s sister-in-law, Sandy, as she recovers from a car accident.

❖ **Assisted listening devices are available from the ushers.**

📵 **PLEASE remember to turn off Cell Phones and Pagers during worship.**

THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — February 17, 2019

TODAY

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion
 11am - 1:00pm - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
 4:00pm Shetek Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm - Confirmation

THURSDAY

9:15am - Praise Circle
 9:30am - Joy Circle @ Falls Landing - Celebrating Fern Horton's 95th Birthday
 1:30pm - Peace Circle
 Pastors Conference

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Stewardship Quote:

"I cannot think of a better definition of Christianity than that: give, give, give."

- James L. McCord, former president, Princeton Theological Seminary



2018 January Giving

Operating	\$	17,800.00
Mortgage Principle	\$	4,400.00
Income Needed	\$	22,200.00
Weekly Offering - Feb 3	\$	4,058.08
Weekly Offering - Feb 10	\$	1,392.62
Weekly Offering - Feb 17	\$	
Weekly Offering - Feb 24	\$	
Monthly Offering	\$	
Other Income		
Total		

2019 Pipestone Area Kindergarten

Roundup will be held on Friday, March 8th at the Brown Elementary School. If you've not been contacted or not received registration papers & your child will be 5 yrs old on or before Sept. 1st, 2019, please contact Lori at Brown school between 8:30am - 3:00pm Mon- Fri. @ 825- 6756 ext. 4202. Please leave a message if no one answers.



YOUTH & FAMILY OUTING

Join us in a night of fast, hard hitting, hockey action as we watch the Sioux Falls Stampede take on the Tri-City Storm on Family Night on **Friday, March 1st**. Game time is at 7:05pm. All congregational member families and youth are welcome. **Sign-up by TODAY** on sheet on the FLY board so we can order group tickets at a reduced price. The Youth Committee will cover ticket costs.



Thank you for your support of the 'Noisy Offering' that was collected for the Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp. The total amount given was \$108.62.

Movie Night

Sponsored by Adult Education

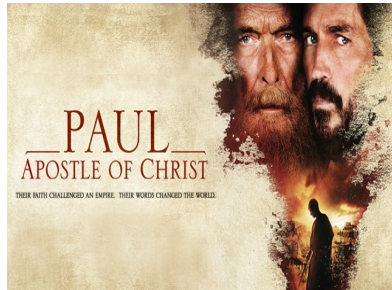
Date/Time: Sunday, February 24 at 4:30

Location: First Lutheran Fireside Room

Schedule: 4:30- Movie, PAUL, Apostle of Christ (2018) 6:15- Supper-Pizza & discussion

Recommended Readings: Paul (N. T.

Wright), The Apostle, A Life of Paul (John Polluck) Pastor Joyce said "This looks intriguing. I think it might be more like a novel but based on facts, etc." and Paul The Apostle: Missionary, Martyr, Theologian (Robert Picirilli)



**Stay Tuned
for the rescheduled date - TBD**



2019 March Campaign Food Shelf

The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is the only annual statewide food and fund drive of its kind in Minnesota. Between Feb 25 & April 7, 2019, 300 food shelves around the state come together with congregations, businesses, community groups & others to restock food shelves to help feed our neighbors. All local donations will remain in Pipestone.