

Welcome to Worship

God is here for you,
In the word and sacraments, in the love
of this community.



*Scattering seeds of love
worship & service*

Welcome! Great to have you here!
Thank you for choosing to worship with
us at First Lutheran today.

8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

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

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 532 "Gather Us In" versus 1, 2 and 4

Confession and Forgiveness

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: Most merciful God, 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.

C: 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.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to respect what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The Teacher of vanity, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, I had my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a striving after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So, I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my hands under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and striving with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49:1-12

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

C: you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

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My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

C: I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

C: the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?

One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

C: for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,

in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

C: For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

C: Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

So, if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! 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 **Luke 12:13-21.**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

Children's Sermon (For the Young at Heart)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day No. 759" My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Responding to God's Word

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Offering / Offering Hymn: No. 643 "We Are All One in Christ"

Offering 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.

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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.

Lord's Prayer

God's People Sent Forth

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord looks upon you with favor and + give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn No. 705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, celebrate life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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The Worship Radio Broadcast today is sponsored in celebration of the July Hollingsworth birthdays; Linda, Kandis, Charlotte & Nicole by Linda & Al Hollingsworth.

✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns: Brenda Kellen, Ardell Wolff, and Carole Sommers as they deal with health issues. ***** 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. Please email the church office@firstlutheranpipestone.org or call 825-5837 when someone is no longer needed to be on the prayer concerns list.**

This Week's Schedule

Today 9:30am Worship at the church & live streamed; Church meeting to call a pastor
3 - 5:00pm Church Fair Stand Cleanup

Wednesday 7:00pm Property Management Meeting

Wednesday-Saturday 11:00am – 8:00pm Church Fair Stand

Sunday 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion at the church & live streamed

If you are interested in reading lessons on Sundays, please scan the QR code and sign-up. Thank you.



Call Committee Update and Meeting TODAY after church (PLEASE STAY):

We need a quorum of voting members to conduct this meeting so please plan to stay. Information on the candidate will be presented by the call committee at the meeting with a vote to follow.

Parsonage Project:

As we look forward to having a new pastor move into our parsonage, we are still awaiting supplies for the update project. We hope to get it done before Sept. as materials become available. In preparing for the remodel, we are asking that you consider donating toward the \$80,000 project this summer. Please identify your check as going toward the parsonage project. We are lucky to be debt free as a church and would like to pay for the remodel entirely through generous donations from our members and from funds available in accounts held within the church. Having an updated home for our Pastor supports our ministry in the community. Please consider contributing to our mission in this way.

FLY Fair stand— ALL church members encouraged to please help

TODAY 3-5 pm is clean up





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 TODAY 3-5 pm is clean up
 August 3rd – 6th Shifts will be: 11 am-2 pm, 2-5 pm, and 5-8 pm
 Contact Gen Velde or scan QR code. 
gvelde@hotmail.com text/call: 319-290-8879



School Kits for Lutheran World Relief!

School supplies are now on sale. Pick up a few of these items to help First Lutheran fill 100 bags!

Item list: 70 count notebooks, blunt tip scissors, 2 ½ in erasers, unsharpened pencils, blue or black ink pens (no gel), 16 or 24 count box of crayons, 30-centimeter ruler, pencil sharpener.

To fill the 100 bags, we need: 400 notebooks, 100 scissors, 100 erasers, 500 pens, 500 pencils, 100 boxes of crayons, 100 rulers, 100 pencil sharpeners. Please place your donated the items in the container in the church narthex. We will assemble after worship services.

Help Wanted:

First Lutheran Church, Pipestone, MN is seeking a full time (36 hours per week) Administrative Assistant/Office Manager
 The position includes a competitive salary and benefits package.

Responsibilities: Office management, correspondence, database management, reports and preparing bulletins & monthly newsletters. Will facilitate communication and coordination of all church activities.

Computer skills: Microsoft office suite 365 (Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher) and communication skills are required. Will work closely with church staff, volunteers and the public. Will maintain and update church website and all social media.

Requirements: Education in administrative assistant and/or high school diploma and additional computer and office management training and experience desirable.

To apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and list of references to c/o Personnel Committee, First Lutheran Church, 401 7th Ave SW, Pipestone, MN 56164. Position open until replacement selected.

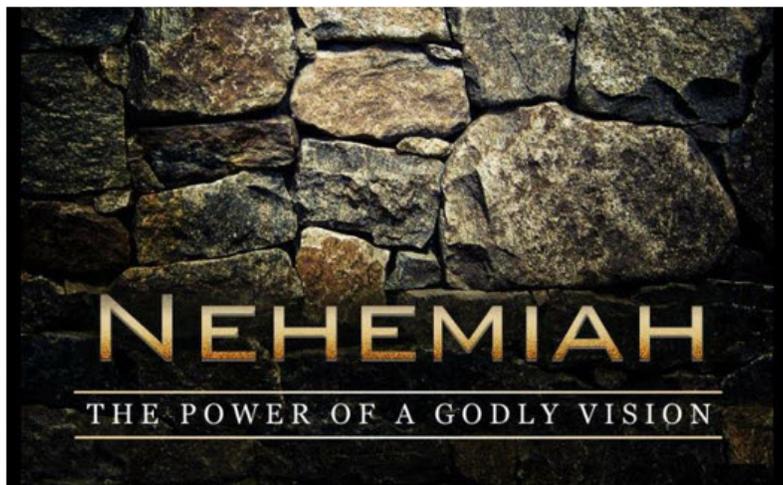
HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP

The Matter at Hand
 Survey of Nehemiah



*Praying and
 waiting go
 hand in hand.
 You haven't
 really learned to
 pray until you've
 learned to wait.*

— Charles R. Swindoll



Order book on Amazon: *Hand Me Another Brick: Timeless Lessons on Leadership* or contact church office to pay and we will order. Cost \$12.69

First Lutheran Church “Partners in Ministry”

“Partners in Ministry” is a new program that is beginning at First Lutheran. We are excited to share with you that we have people who will be making home visits, provide a listening ear, and prayer support to members of First Lutheran Church. The “Partners in Ministry” servants are also willing to bring communion to people who are unable to attend worship. These volunteers are here to serve the greater community of First Lutheran. Are you facing surgery and want prayer? We are here for you. Would you like a friendly visitor to share in your journey of faith and life? We are here for you. Call the church office 825-5837 to find out more information. The people who are willing to serve as your “Partners in Ministry” are:

***Nancy Finzen Carol Johnson Becky Kaffar
 LaDonna Myers Mavis Pierson Judy Stubbe***

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