

"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.

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
October 30th, 2022
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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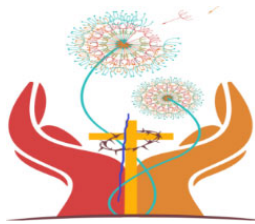
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**Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service**

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

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

Opening Hymn: #504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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: Most merciful 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.**

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant

that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Here ends the first Lesson **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 (please read responsively)

R: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

R: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of ^l the Most High.

R: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

R: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

R: behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

R: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God!**

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 **John 8:31-36**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #517 Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

Responding to God's Word

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

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

Offering / Offering Hymn: #801 – Change My Heart

P: Let us pray.

Offering Prayer: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: 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: #461 – All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

#708 – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray

C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

God's People Sent Forth

Benediction

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: #631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Do you have some good, gently used toys or coats? First Lutheran will begin collecting toys for the Kiwanis club and coats for Bomgaars. Boxes will be available in the Narthex. Toys will need to be brought in BEFORE December 1st so they can get sent out early. Deadline for the coats will be forthcoming.

FIGHT NIGHT FUNDRAISER for Duane and Melonie Westly

Saturday, November 12th at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Pipestone

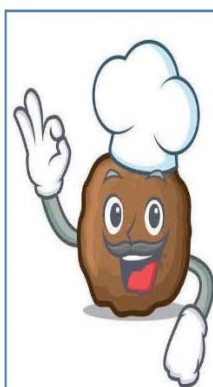
Meal and bake sale from 5pm – 7pm with a live auction to follow.

Meal will include: pork loin sandwich, chips, macaroni salad, fruit cup, a cookie and a drink for \$8.00

Duane and Melonie are both battling cancer so come help support them in their battle.

Noisy Offering is currently being collected for: the Burkard family

The total amount collected for the Burkard family to this date is \$3,272.88. Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.



It is time to start looking ahead and gearing up for First Lutheran's Annual Meatball Supper!! Dates for the 2022 Supper will be Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Be watching for further details and work assignments to come out during the month of October. We will need everyone's cooperation and help to make this year's supper another success!

Don't forget the First Lutheran's **Annual Kaffi-Ti** on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00am – 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex or you can contact the church office to let us know what goods you would like to bring.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Upcoming Events – mark your calendars!!

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Additional information</i>
December 4	Shetek Annual meeting	3:30pm @Shetek camp
December 4	*Scandinavian Dinner	\$20/plate, start time is 5pm, reservation due by 11/29
December 27	*Winter Fun Day	For grades 3rd thru 6th – snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, indoor activities, crafts, etc.
March 10-11, 2023 April 28-29, 2023	Confirmation Retreat	More information will be forthcoming.

*Register for these events online at: www.shetek.org or contact the church office for a registration form.

SW MN Synod Presents: Equipping Congregations RoadShow Three dates & 3 different locations, FREE OF CHARGE! Thursday evening, Nov. 3rd 5:30-9pm in Spicer, MN; Saturday, Nov. 5th 9am – 3pm in Marshall, MN and Monday evening, Nov. 7th 5:30-9pm in Worthington. Let Pastor Ann know if you are interested in attending the Saturday event as she will be attending that one. See the flyer in the Narthex or on the bulletin board for more info!

HELP WANTED!!! We are looking for a Treasurer for First Lutheran Church. Knowledge of QuickBooks would be beneficial. Please contact the church office or Nancy Johnson if interested.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the church library – We would like to update our church library in the Fireside room. We are looking for 2 volunteers to go thru the books that we currently have and to sort through them. Any books that need to be discarded, will either be sold, given away or recycled depending on their condition, etc. If you would be interested, please contact the church office.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022

Our new church directory will all be done online! You simply submit a picture online and your family info and you are done. More details are in the works but if you would like to get your picture submitted now, please send an email to the church office with a copy of your picture attached OR stop in and Lori can scan in a copy for you. Stay tuned for additional updates! If you would like to help with this project, please contact the church office.



Parsonage Project:

We are so thankful to have our new pastor in our parsonage and we are making progress with the project. Please consider donating toward the \$80,000 project. 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. The total amount donated to this date is \$47,270.00. Thank you for your support of this mission.

All are welcome to join in on our book study!

Contact the church office to sign up or to order a book.

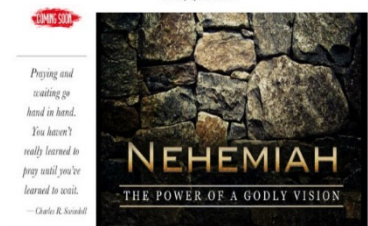
Books can also be purchased on Amazon.

Dates for Book Study will be as follows right after worship:

November 13th, December 11th, January 8th, February 12th,

March 12th and April 16th

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP
The Matter at Hand
Survey of Nehemiah



First Lutheran Church "Partners in Ministry"

"Partners in Ministry" is a program that is now available at First Lutheran. We are excited 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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