

"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.

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 5th, 2025
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: ELW #796 – How Firm a Foundation

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: 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.

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: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So, the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore, judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

Psalms 37:1-9 (please read responsively)

R: Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

C: For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

R: Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

C: Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

R: Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord and see what God will do.

C: The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

R: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

C: Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

R: For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayer's night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

Children's Time

P: Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Luke 17:1-10**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for sin are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come! It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to sin. Be on your guard! If a brother or sister sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. And if the same person sins against you seven times a day and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive." The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So, you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #759 – My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Responding to God's Word

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Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen

Offering Hymn: ELW #840 – Now Thank We All Our God

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God, as we give today, we remember the struggles of Your people – both in the past and present. Help us to stand with those who are longing for your justice and peace. May these offerings be a symbol of our desire to bring hope and healing to a broken world, trusting that you will ultimately restore all things. 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 Songs: ELW #471 – Let Us Break Bread Together
 ELW #461 – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #812 – Faith of Our Fathers

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 in celebration of our grandchildren's birthdays: Emma, Noah, Shailey, Carter, Micah and Ty by Scott & Gail Barduson.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We continue our prayers of healing for Dwight Horton, Kristy Henriksen, Lynne Dalen, Penny Zastrow, Curt Ilse, Joyce Kunz, JoAnn Straw and Kay Dubbelde.

***** 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 5th – October 12th, 2025)

Please note: *Pastor Ann will be out of the office to attend the Fall Theological Monday & Tuesday. She will be back in the office on Wednesday (10/8).*

Today: 9:30am – Worship, w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; 10:30am – 9th grade confirmation students meet w/Pastor; 1pm - Pastor at Good Sam, 2pm @Ridgeview; Fall Theological in Spicer, MN; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Tuesday: 1:30pm – Food Shelf meeting

Wednesday: 8:15am - Pastor's Prayer; 6:15- Contemporary Service; 7:15pm – LIFT/Confirmation; 7:30pm – Church Council meeting

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

Friday: 7:00pm - PAS Homecoming football game

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship, w/Holy Communion, LIFT kids sing, 3rd gr receive Bibles, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

September 2025 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,150.00
Weekly Offering – September 7th	
Weekly Offering – September 14th	
Weekly Offering – September 21st	
Weekly Offering – September 28th	
MONTH TOTAL:	

Needed per week:

4-week month = \$5,288/week

5-week month = \$4,230/week

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 (by Offering above) if you wish to give to First Lutheran today.

THANK YOU for giving!!

Noisy Offering for October 2025 is being collected for:

Good Gifts (aka God's Barnyard)

The total amount collected was: **\$65.34**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



3RD QTR. Offering

Giving statements for the Third Qtr of 2025 will be available to be picked up in the Narthex TOMORROW - Monday, Oct. 6th.

THANK YOU for all you give to First Lutheran!!

HELP WANTED: Meals On Wheels deliverers needed

Please contact Dennis Lundblad for more details if you would be willing to help deliver meals for home-bound people. Dennis's cell: 507-690-8123

Food Shelf Volunteers Needed:

We will need volunteers from First Lutheran for the food shelf when we serve on Thursday, October 23rd. We will need to be there by 1:30 for orientation. Please call Sarah Meyer (507-215-7401) and leave a message if you can help. We need 6-7 volunteers. Thanks to all who helped at our last workday in July - it was a great success! Sarah

Looking for someone who would be willing to sit with an elderly lady for a few hours a couple times a week. House cleaning would be a plus and would pay extra for that. Will pay \$20/hour (willing to negotiate if cleaning). Please let Lori know in the office if you are interested.
Thank you, Shelly Waite



Communion Assistants, Lesson Readers and Acolytes are needed!!!

If you are able to help us out, **please** sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex OR you can sign up online by using the QR code to the left <<<.

*It is approaching that time of year, the time to make **lefse**!
If you are interested in learning how to make lefse, let Kristy Henriksen know. Once we know who is interested, we will find a date & time to meet. If you are interested in joining the group, even if you are a veteran lefse maker, let Kristy know, too. We have all the supplies & we have a good time, too!*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

~Oct. 7th – Food Shelf meeting @1:30pm

~Oct. 8th – Contemporary service @6:15-6:40pm

LIFT/Confirmation @6:45-7:15pm

Church Council @7:30pm

Oct. 9th – Quilting @9:30am



**Congregations of every size and context can
nurture faith, create welcome, and embrace ministry
with youth and young adults.**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Todd Buegler
Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna MN

Featuring: the **SYNOD YOUTH BAND**
Lunch catered by Qdoba!

Register online at www.swmnelca.org/event/ecd2025
\$30 per person.

Attend your choice of 2 out of 6 Workshops!
Workshop descriptions will be posted online at www.swmnelca.org.



First Lutheran is now on Instagram! We will do our best to keep things posted and updated as much as possible. We now have 3 areas of social media for you to get info from:

1. Website: www.firstlutheranpipestone.org
2. Facebook: First Lutheran Church ELCA
3. Instagram: flcoff.pipe

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