

ALLELUJIA!

He is Risen





Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5th, 2026

Please enter in silence

OPENING LITANY:

P: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

P: Have you heard the Good News? Christ is risen from the grave!

C: Alleluia! The Lord is alive!

P: Come! Let us celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus!

C: Let us worship the risen Christ!

P: From out of the darkness of sin and death,

C: we welcome the dawn of new life.

P: From out of sadness and despair,

C: we find gladness and hope in the news that our Lord is alive!

P: With the rising sun we praise the Lord of Life!

C: With joyful song we celebrate the victory Christ won over death!

P: With confidence and courage,

C: we join in proclaiming the triumph of our God!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: ELW #365 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We worship 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW #367 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (vs 1, 3 & 4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:1-6

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #373 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vs 1, 3 & 4)

APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERING HYMN: #389 – Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing (vs 1 & 4)

OFFERING PRAYER:

C: O God, you have shattered the grave and given us new life through your Son. With joyful hearts, we bring our gifts as signs of resurrection hope. Use them to proclaim your victory and to bless your world. In the name of the Risen Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready

COMMUNION HYMNS:

#376 – Thine is the Glory

#379 – Now the Green Blade Rises

#449 – We Know That Christ is Raised

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Pastor: Pastor Ann Zastrow

Ministers: Members of First Lutheran Church

Organist: Paul Henriksen

Sound: Neil Johnson

Reader: Tami Taubert

Acolyte: .

Communion Assistants: Cristy Appel, Tami Taubert

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 today in memory of Jim Spicer by Gene Spicer.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns: Our thoughts and prayers to Pastor Joyce & Ron Capp on the passing of Joyce's dad, Chester Tollefson. We send prayers of healing and caring to: Ron Capp (heart surgery), Vera Newgard, Mildred Carstensen, Maverick Burkard, Meg Petra (Pastor Ann's sister) & her wife, Lisa Riek, Becky Kaffar, Kristy Henriksen, 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. You can also email the church office@firstlutheranpipestone.org.**

This Week's Schedule (April 5th to April 12th)

Today: 9:30am EASTER SUNDAY Worship w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Monday: OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday: 1:30pm – Food Shelf meeting

Wednesday: 6:15-6:40pm – Contemporary service; 6:45-7:15 – LAST NIGHT of LIFT; 7:30pm – Church Council; 12:00pm & 5:00pm- Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

Sunday: 9:30am Worship, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

March 2026 Offering

Monthly Offering needed: \$17,506.00

Total Offering for March: \$

Needed per week:

4-week month = \$4,377/week

5-week month = \$3,502/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 February & March 2026 was collected for:

Pipestone County Food Shelf

The total amount collected was: **365.26**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

April's Noisy Offering will go to Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Website for more information: www.shetek.org

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.



BELL TOWER REPAIR ASSISTANCE

The Property and Management Committee is looking for donations to help with fixing the bell tower water leakage problem. Donations can be made to First Lutheran Church by designating BELL TOWER in the memo line. Cost is estimated to cost \$23,000+.

Repairs expected to begin in the Spring.



Thank you to all of those who gave
memorials and tributes for the beautiful
flowers this Easter!

- † In memory of Rose Beck by Kris Schiager.
- † In memory of Ray Pierson by Mavis Pierson.
- † In memory of our parents: Oscar & Grace Peterson and Daniel & Runden Murphy by Dennis & Patti Peterson.
- † In memory of Leonard & Helen Hollingsworth and Ralph & Violet Ahlers by Al & Linda Hollingsworth.
- † In loving memory of Tom Benz by his family.
- † In memory of Ron Hansen (Theresa's dad) and Glenn & Marlys Swenson (Terry's parents) by Terry & Theresa Swenson.
- † In memory of our parents, Fred & Lucille Adler and Bill & Ethel Winter by Bill & Marlys Winter.
- † In memory of our family and friends who have gone before us and in honor of our church family and our family-family – mom, siblings, kids & spouses, grandkids, aunts, uncles & cousins – much love to you all & HAPPY EASTER by Lori Ilse

EASTER RENEWAL

Lord, we ask for your grace
to renew our minds and
hearts this Easter.

Help us to leave behind the
things that weigh us down
and to embrace the new life
that you offer us.

May we be **filled** with hope
and joy, knowing you have a
plan and purpose for our
lives.

Strengthen us to face the
challenges and trust in your
unfailing love.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.