

"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.

**14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 30th, 2026
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: 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.

L: 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. Believing this promise from Scripture, we confess our sins:

(silence for personal reflection)

L: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us according to your loving-kindness.

According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins; for we acknowledge our transgressions and our sin is ever before us. Create in us

clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L: God's loving-kindness has appeared to us in Christ Jesus. By God's mercy poured out on us in Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Through God's Spirit living in us, we are free to live as God's beloved people.

C: Thanks be to God, Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #660 – Lift High the Cross

Greeting

L: 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 (please speak responses)

Hymn of Praise: pg 139 – Glory to God (begin singing when music begins)

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8 (please read responsively)

R: Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

C: Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

R: For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

C: I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

R: I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

C: I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

R: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

C: Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew 16:21-28**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his

Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

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

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #798 - Will You Come and Follow Me

Apostle's Creed

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of the Church

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Offering Hymn: ELW #686 – We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs 1 & 2)

Offering Prayer:

L: Let us pray.

C: Compassionate God, we often rely on our own strength rather than placing our full trust in you. Remind us of your steadfast love and help us surrender our fears. Bless these offerings and those who give them. May they bring comfort and hope in Christ's name. Amen.



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Lord's Prayer

Benediction

L: 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: ELW #656 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dismissal

L: 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.

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored in celebration of my birthday and in memory of Linda Roelfsema by Dennis Roelfsema.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We give our healing prayers to: Rusty Hartke, Randy Claussen, Mavis Pierson, Paul Cunningham (brother-in-law of Robert & Teri Petersen), Pastor Mary Sacco, Mary Lou Bjugan, Vera Newgard, Maverick & Carly Burkard, 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. Please feel free to send a card of encouragement to anyone listed above. Addresses are posted on the Caring Cards sheet hanging on the south post in the Narthex. THANK YOU in advance!!**

This Week's Schedule (August 30th – September 6th, 2026)

Today: 9:30am – Worship w/Mark Carlson, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 7:00pm – church committee meetings

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship w/Pastor Margo Martens, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

August 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Weekly Offering – August 2 nd	
Weekly Offering – August 9 th	
Weekly Offering – August 16 th	
Weekly Offering – August 23 rd	
Weekly Offering – August 30 th	
MONTH TOTAL:	
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 August 2026 is being collected for:

Pipestone United Way

The total amount collected was: **\$76.79**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



**September Noisy Offering will go to The Banquet in Sioux Falls
(First Lutheran will be serving there on Wednesday, September 30th.)**

A little more about The Banquet: The Banquet meal ministry began in 1985 with a simple mission — to provide nourishment and fellowship for those in need. What started with just one meal per week has grown into a thriving program that now serves 16 meals every week across two locations in Sioux Falls.

First Lutheran is very proud to be able to help serve & provide meals for families at the Banquet for so many years!

The FLCW ladies have assembled 113 school kits from supplies that were brought in!!

THANK YOU to all who have donated!! You have made some school kids' start to their school year amazing!!!



September 2026 Worship Leaders:

- † Sunday, September 6th – Pastor Margo Martens
- † Sunday, September 13th – Kristen Brockberg
- † Sunday, September 20th – Pastor Mark Jamison (w/Holy Communion & New Members)
- † Sunday, September 27th – Ingrid Wielenberg



- Sunday, September 13th: LIFT Kick-Off - more details to come
- Wednesday, September 16th: Confirmation for students in grades 6 to 8 will meet – more details to come
- Sunday, September 20th: New Member Sunday – see info below
- Wednesday, September 30th – First Lutheran to help serve at the Banquet in Sioux Falls – we will need at least 4 meal preppers during the day. Youth will be bussed down to serve. Details to come!



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – Sunday, September 20th, 2026!!

We are so excited to officially welcome our newest members to First Lutheran!! Letters have been sent out to those who have expressed an interest in joining our family here at FLC. If you are not yet a member and would like to join, please contact Lori in the office so we can get the information to you right away.

Please remember – ALL ARE WELCOME and we are just so thankful to have each and every one of you here!!

We NEED Communion Assistants, Lesson Readers and Acolytes!!!

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 <<<.

You can also look to see the schedule for ushers – just by scanning the QR code with your phone!

Many hands make for light work – please consider being one of the many hands!!!!





Blood Drive
Pipestone Community
First Lutheran Church

Social Hall
401 7th Ave SW
Pipestone, MN 56164

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: PipestoneMN to schedule an appointment.



The American Red Cross and Hello Kitty are releasing exclusive NEW merch! Come give blood Sept. 1-20 for a super-cute Red Cross x Hello Kitty collectible item, while supplies last!



Congregation Input Box

Please know that we need EVERYONE to be involved in some way in the search for a new pastor. So, we have placed a lovely box (WHITE) in the Narthex. Using the scratch paper in the pews (paper also available by the box), please let us know a few things:

- Likes/Dislikes of pastors you have heard preach (here or elsewhere, no names please)
 - List top 3 things you feel are important in a church.
 - Traits of a good pastor (what you feel are good traits).
 - Any other things you feel may be helpful.

We do not want any names, we just ask for your honesty in letting us know your needs as a person of faith, what you would like to see for our younger members in their faith journey, etc. It is very important to keep an open mind and not look at the here and now, but what we want to see down the road. We want to do what we can to ensure that it is here for future generations – we need your help, we need your input.

***Please understand that there is no way to possibly fill everyone's needs and wants but we want to get a good idea of where to begin. THANK YOU!!!*

Words of Encouragement

Because of Jesus, the Light of the World, God's light shines through you.
The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light.
~Matthew 6:22

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