

"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.

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 26th, 2026
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

(silence for personal reflection)

P: Gracious God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #720 – We Are Called

Greeting

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 (please speak responses)

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:129-136 (please read responsively)

R: Your decrees are wonderful; therefore, I obey them with all my heart.

C: When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

R: I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

C: Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

R: Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

C: Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

R: Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

C: My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

Children’s Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #793 – Be Thou My Vision (vs 1,2 & 4)

Apostle’s Creed

Responding to God’s Word

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: 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 #670 – Build Us Up Lord (vs 1)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy Spirit, you search the depths of our hearts and minds. You call us not only to give but also to receive your grace. As we present these gifts, draw us nearer to your presence and unite us in the love of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son † and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW #581 – You Are Mine

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.

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of our sisters, Linda Johansen and Bette Watts by Ron & Karen Hellie.

✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Continuing prayers of comfort for Cristy Appel and her family on the passing of her mom, Joyce Kunz. We give our healing prayers to: Pastor Mary Sacco, Mary Lou Bjugan, Carol Veen, 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.**

This Week's Schedule (July 26th – August 2nd, 2026)

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

Wednesday: 12:00pm & 5:00pm – Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

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

July 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Weekly Offering – July 5 th	
Weekly Offering – July 12 th	
Weekly Offering – July 19 th	
Weekly Offering – July 26 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 July 2026 was collected for:

PAS Wellness Room

The total amount collected was: **\$103.40**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

A little more about the PAS Wellness Room: The PAS Wellness Room was created to support students by providing access to essential everyday needs in a safe and welcoming space. Students can find items such as clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, food, winter gear and other necessities. By helping meet these basic needs, we can remove extra stress and allow students to focus on learning, growing and becoming the best version of themselves.



HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

For Summer 2026:

†Sunday, August 16th
(3rd Sunday)
w/Pastor Mark Jamison



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!!!!

Words of Encouragement

Game plan for the day: Do random acts of Kindness.

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?

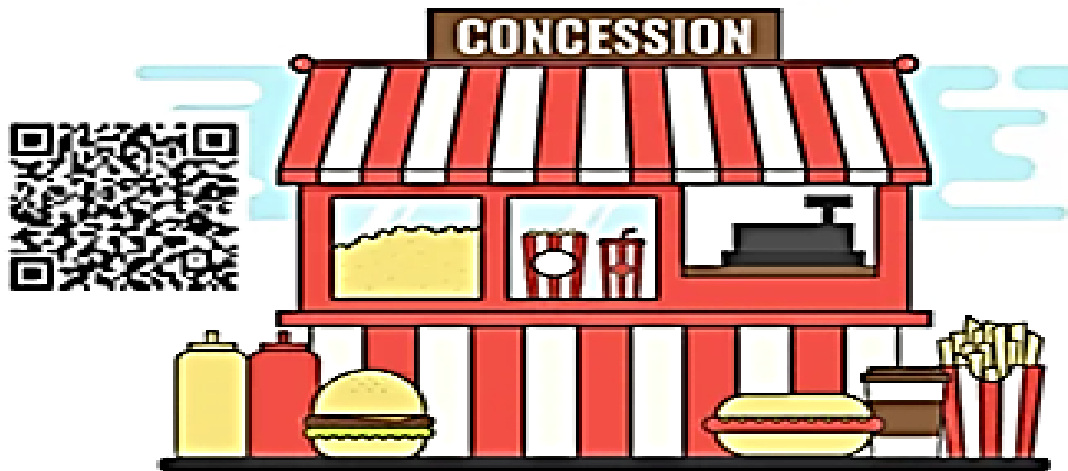
~1 Peter 3:13

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**FAIRSTAND 2026 @ the Pipestone County
Fair August 5th - 8th, 2026**



Check your calendars for August 5th thru the 8th
and get signed up to help out at the FLC
Fairstand! It's as easy as scanning the QR code
above and signing up online.

We can't do it without you so if you can help out
in anyway, PLEASE DO!

Contact the church office if you have
any questions.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!