

"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.

3rd Sunday after Pentecost **Sunday, June 29th, 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 #858 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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 139

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16; 19-21

Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also, you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So, he set out from there, and found Elisha, son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

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

Psalms 16 (please read responsively)

R: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

R: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names up on my lips.

R: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

R: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

R: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

R: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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 9:51-62**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went

on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #818 – O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Responding to God's Word

Apostle's Creed

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 #801 – Change My Heart, O God

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #660 – Lift High the Cross

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 Sgt. Derek H. Wellnitz by Eric & Danielle Ossefoort & family.

✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We continue our prayers of healing for JoAn VanderPol, 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 (June 29th – July 6th, 2025)

Today: 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; 2pm – Pipestone A's game; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: 7:00pm – Church committee meetings

Thursday: 5:30pm – Executive Committee meeting

Friday (4th of July): Church offices closed

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

OFFICE NOTE: The office hours beginning next week (6/30/2025) thru August 6th, 2025 will be:

8am – 1:00pm Monday thru Thursday & 8am – noon on Friday (as usual)

There may be a day or two that may change but I will do my best to make sure it is posted. Feel free to send an email to the church office or contact pastor on her cell if there is anything you need.

~Thank you for your understanding! Lori

June 2025 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,150.00
Weekly Offering – June 1st	
Weekly Offering – June 8th	
Weekly Offering – June 15th	
Weekly Offering – June 22nd	
Weekly Offering – June 29th	
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.

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Noisy Offering for June/July 2025 is being collected for:

PIPESTONE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$132.03.**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



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 right >>>.



FOOD SHELF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: On July 17th, 2025, it will be our church's turn to volunteer for the food shelf here in Pipestone. I am asking for your help, for 8 volunteers. You would need to be at the back door of the food shelf (east side of the Senior Citizens building) at 1:30 that day, and we should be done between 5:00 and 5:30 (partial shifts are possible). I am asking the entire church family to support our community. We are on the food shelf community board, and volunteer 4 times a year. So please consider taking time to volunteer. Please call me, Sarah Meyer, at: 507-215-7401. Leave a message, and I will return your call, or let me know if you can volunteer that day. Thank you for supporting our community! Sarah Meyer

Take Us Out to the Ball Game



The Canaries game was a lot of fun, so why not take in another game, much closer to home! We will attend the A's game on TODAY (June 29th), against Luverne. The game starts at 2 pm. There is no admission cost, the food is good, and we can support our hometown team! You don't need to sign up ahead of time, just show up and cheer on our A's!

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Pipestone County Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer drivers for the Pipestone area. The routes are in town only and take about an hour or less to complete.

This is a great opportunity to get engaged with our community and meet new people.

Please consider volunteering.

Pipestone County Meals on Wheels is based out of the Pipestone County Senior Center.

Please contact Tanya Witte @605-359-6722 to sign up.



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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