

"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.

Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 19th, 2026
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 Song: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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.**

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.

Song of Praise: Worthy Is the Lamb

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that
we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (please read responsively)

R: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C: for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

R: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

C: Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

R: How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

C: I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

R: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

C: Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.

R: O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

C: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

R: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,

C: in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Here ends the Second Reading. **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 24:13-35**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides

all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song of the Day: In Christ Alone

Responding to God’s Word

Apostle’s Creed – pg 127

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: Make Me A Servant

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God of truth and light, we offer you these gifts with humble hearts. We long to share your unmistakable presence with all people. Though we often seek security in possessions, remind us that true assurance comes from life in Christ. Strengthen us to be faithful disciples in all we do.

Amen.

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Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

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 Song: At The Cross

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. 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 honor of Ron and Karen Hellie’s wedding anniversary by Ron & Karen Hellie.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We extend our sympathies to the family of Russ and Lon Legler on the passing of Russ's mom, Annetta. We give our healing prayers to: Barb Benz, Mildred Carstensen, Vera Newgard, Maverick Burkard, Meg Petra (Pastor Ann’s sister) & her wife, Lisa Riek, 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 and church webpage. You can also email the church office@firstlutheranpipestone.org.

This Week’s Schedule (April 19th – April 26th, 2026)

(Lori will be out of the office all week)

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

Tuesday: 9:30am – Group Circle

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

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship, 3YO receive Bibles; live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

April 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Maundy Thursday – April 2nd	
Good Friday – April 3rd	
Weekly Offering – April 5th (Easter Sunday)	
Weekly Offering – April 12th	
Weekly Offering – April 19th	
Weekly Offering – April 26th	
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 April 2026 is being collected for:

Shetek Lutheran Ministries

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$0**



THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

A little more about the Shetek Lutheran Ministries: Shetek Lutheran Ministries is for people of all ages who want to spend time having fun in the beauty of God's creation. We provide summer camp for youth and many programmed retreats for youth, adults, senior adults, women's groups, men's groups and families throughout the year. Located @14 Keeley Island Dr, Slayton MN
Website for more information: www.shetek.org

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.

Bell Tower Fund balance as of
4/12/2026: \$

THANK YOU to all who have
donated!!! We are getting close!!



Please join us following worship to give Pastor Ann our best wishes on her next journey and to say THANK YOU for her friendship and care throughout the last 3 1/2 years.

**THANK YOU to all who donated items for the personal care kits!!
We assembled 65 kits.**

**Help Wanted: Person(s) to mow the lawn at the parsonage during the summer. Will need your own mower.
Contact Mark Zinnel if you have any questions.**

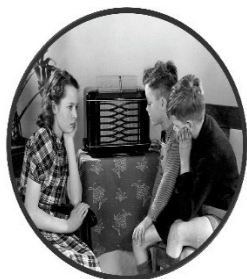


Communion Assistants, Lesson Readers and Acolytes are needed!!!

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 <<<.

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

*We are looking for a few volunteer drivers to take fellow members to appointments in and out of town.
If interested or if you have questions, contact Cristy Appel.
THANK YOU in advance!*



Radio Sponsorships for 2026 are posted on the bulletin board by the office. If you have a recurring yearly sponsorship, please let the office know if you would like to change the date as listed on the schedule. There is 1 open slot (listed below) so if you would like to get signed up, please add your name to the open slot on the sheet on the bulletin board by the office. If you would like to check your recurring sponsorship, OR signup online, scan the QR code>>.



THANK YOU all who give to the radio sponsorship – it is a GREAT way to share the ministry here at First Lutheran!!

June 28th

September 20th

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