

*"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.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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

***Welcome/Announcements***

**3-Year-Old Bibles**

**Call to Worship:**

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:**

**ELW #807 – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

***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.**

**Hymn of Praise: ELW #789 – Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***Hearing God's Word***

#### **First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47**

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

#### **Psalm: Psalm 23 (please read responsively)**

R: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

R: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

#### **Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 **John 10:1-10**

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #733 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

***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: ELW #764 – Have No Fear Little Flock (vs 1 & 4)**

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Heavenly Shepherd, we yearn to dwell in your pasture. As we present these offerings, help us examine our hearts with honesty and grace. May your love guide our steps and our giving, so others may know your care. In the name of the Risen One, we pray. 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 Hymn: ELW #774 – What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**

***Dismissal***

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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**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 my awesome family by Barb Benz.**

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

Our prayers of comfort to the family of Ruth Linnemeyer. Ruth’s funeral will be Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at First Lutheran in Sioux Falls. We continue our healing prayers to: Barb Benz, Mildred Carstensen, Vera Newgard, Maverick Burkard, 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).**

**This Week's Schedule (April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship, 3YO receive Bibles, 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/communion, Baptism – Maschino, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

<b>April 2026 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$17,506.00</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday – April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
<b>Good Friday – April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – April 5<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday)</b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Weekly Offering – April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>MONTH TOTAL:</b>	
<b>Needed per week:</b>	
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: **\$56.97**

**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](http://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  
4/20/2026: \$

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



CONGRATULATIONS to our 3-Year-Olds receiving their story Bibles today:

\*Gracelynn Dwire  
\*Amelia Rohlk

\*Oakley Houselog  
\*Kaysan Ilse

**First Lutheran serves at the Food Shelf on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.  
If you are able to help, please contact Sarah Meyer or the church office.**

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. 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 sign up 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 28<sup>th</sup>

September 20<sup>th</sup>

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