

***"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.

**17th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
New Member Sunday  
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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

***Welcome/Announcements***

**Reception of New Members (liturgy on the screen)**

***Confession and Forgiveness – (please stand)***

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. 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW #597 – My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less**

***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 140 – This is the Feast (begin singing when music begins)**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

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

### **First Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11**

When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

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

### **Responsive Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8 (please read responsively)**

R: I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

**C: Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

R: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

**C: One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

R: I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

**C: They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

R: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**C: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 **Matthew 20:1-16**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So, they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ. (please be seated)**

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: ELW #576 - We All Are One in Mission**

## Apostle's Creed

### *Responding to God's Word*

## Prayers of the Church

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great**

P: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen**

**Offering Hymn (please stand for the hymn): ELW #839 – Now Thank We All Our God (vs 1 & 3)**

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Giver of all good gifts, you offer us abundance beyond measure. Help us to release our grip on worldly desires and focus our hearts on your eternal grace. Accept these offerings as acts of gratitude and trust. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

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### *Service of Holy Communion*

## The Great Thanksgiving/Words of Institution

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Lord's Prayer

### ***Invitation to Communion***

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.     *(please be seated)*

### ***Distribution of Holy Communion***

Communion Hymns:     ELW #575 – In Christ Called to Baptize                   ELW #574 – Here I Am Lord

### ***Prayer After Communion - (please stand)***

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### ***Benediction***

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ELW #765 – Lord of All Hopefulness

### ***Dismissal***

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**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.***

We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Darlene Muller.

### **† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

We send prayers of comfort for Dan and Mari Wagner on the passing of Mari's grandfather, Tom Mogensen. We continue our prayers of strength and peace for Gayl Thode and her family on the passing of her sister, Jana. We give our healing prayers to: Mary Meyer (Sarah Meyer's sister), Randy Claussen, Mavis Pierson, Paul Cunningham (brother-in-law of Robert & Teri Petersen), 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](mailto: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 (September 20<sup>th</sup> – September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship w/ Worship w/Pstr Mark Jamison, New Members & Holy Communion; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Wednesday:** 6:15-7:15pm – first night of LIFT

**Thursday:** 9:30am - Quilting

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

| <b>September 2026 Offering</b>               |                             |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>              | <b>\$17,506.00</b>          |
| Weekly Offering – September 6 <sup>th</sup>  |                             |
| Weekly Offering – September 13 <sup>th</sup> |                             |
| Weekly Offering – September 20 <sup>th</sup> |                             |
| Weekly Offering – September 27 <sup>th</sup> |                             |
| <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 September 2026 was collected for:**

**The Banquet in Sioux Falls**

The total amount collected was: **\$31.40**

**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 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact the church office if you can help with meal prep during the day – we are in need of at least 4 people.)**

***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!***

**September 2026 Worship Leaders:**

† TODAY - Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Mark Jamison (w/Holy Communion & New Members)

† Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – Ingrid Wielenberg

## Upcoming Events

- **TODAY - Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>:** New Member Sunday – see info below
- **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** – First Lutheran to help serve at the Banquet in Sioux Falls – ***we will need at least 4 meal preppers during the day – contact the church office if you are able to help with the meal prep.***  
Youth & chaperones will be bussed down to serve after school. Details to come!



**We are so excited to officially welcome our newest members to First Lutheran!!**

\*Dennis Roelfsema – Dennis is a returning member to First Lutheran. Dennis is retired and reside here in Pipestone. He and his late wife, Linda have 3 children.

\*Reverend Dr. Mary Sacco – Mary comes from Our Saviors Lutheran in Flandreau where she resides. She is a retired pastor and has been a guest pastor here at First Lutheran.

\*Mary Lou Bjugan – Mary Lou comes to us from the Jasper ELCA church (now Jasper ELC) in Jasper. She is a retired teacher and has 2 daughters with her late husband, Harland. Mary Lou resides in Jasper.

\*Kris Schiager – Kris come to us from a local Lutheran congregation. Kris was a member here at FLC many years ago with her parents & siblings. Kris has 3 children and 1 grandchild and resides in Pipestone.



FLCW Ice Cream Social – Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> @1:30pm. All are welcome! Extra Bible Study books will be available if you don't have one.



**We are in 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!!!!**

Volunteers In Mercy will be hosting a sit-down Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day (11/26) starting at 11 AM at the Pipestone Christian Reformed Church. Our goal is to bless others in the name of Christ by offering community, friendship, and a welcoming place for anyone who does not have somewhere to go on Thanksgiving. We are looking for volunteers to help in several areas: setting up, food prep, serving, cleanup, etc. Come at whatever time works for you. If you are able to help, please call or text Shelli DeRuyter at 507-820-1425.



**ROUND-TABLE CHIT-CHAT:** The Round-Table committee's job is to collect information for the next step in the search for a new pastor. We want to hear your thoughts, ideas, wants, needs – of your church, your pastor, etc. Old & young members, families, kids – your input matters more than you know. We would like to have a few more Chit-Chats in the next month or two so be watching for more Chit-Chat's – after church or while the kids are at LIFT on a Wednesday. Our committee values your input so please don't be afraid to talk to one of us or drop us a note in the offering plate, Input Box (narthex) or the office mailbox.



*Round Table Committee (Lori Ilse – lead, Tom & Diane Dunn, Danielle Ossefoort, Marit Sterud & Mike Wussow)*

### **Input received so far:**

|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Preaching/Church life | Mix of traditional & modern (contemporary) styles, inspires & motivates, services are engaging, interesting to listen to, sermons with meaning and you can understand, enjoys youth ministry, tries their best to listen to wants/needs of congregation, relatable & up-beat, sermons that connect with modern day life. |
| Personality/home life | Younger perhaps with a family, ambitious/self-motivated, personable/easy to talk to/welcoming, good with all ages, active in the community                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Church ideas          | Coffee bar/food for more ways to gather/fellowship, more church activities (lock-ins, life skills, etc)                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Thank you to those who have already submitted notes – IT'S AWESOME! Keep the input coming – Please encourage others to do the same!!!

### **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 First Lutheran 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***  
***Put the storms of life into the hands of Jesus.***  
 Even the winds and the waves obey him!  
 ~Matthew 8:27

***Use your gifts to help others.***  
 Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it.  
 ~1 Corinthians 12:27

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