

***"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.

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 #532 – Gather Us In**

***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: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Hearing God's Word***

### **First Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore, they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

### **Psalm 146 (please read responsively)**

R: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

R: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**C: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

R: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**C: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

R: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

**C: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

R: The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**C: The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### **Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31**

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

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to

us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW #729 – The Church of Christ in Every Age (vs 1, 2, 3 & 5)

## ***Responding to God's Word***

### **APOSTLES' 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 #857 – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

#### **Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord, as we offer our gifts today, we are reminded of the divide between those who live in comfort and those who suffer. Help us to care for the poor, the oppressed, and those on the margins of society. Guide us to use what we have to help others and show compassion. May our offerings reflect our desire to build bridges of love. In Jesus' name, Amen.**



#### **Lord's Prayer**

#### ***Blessing***

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

**Sending Hymn:** ELW #538 – The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (w/repeats)

#### ***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.**

**The Worship Radio Broadcast** is sponsored in honor of their children  
by Eric & Danielle Ossefoort.

**✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

We send prayers of comfort to Mildred Carstensen on the passing of her sister, Boots Merrill last week. We continue our prayers of healing for Dwight Horton, Kristy Henriksen, Lynne Dalen, Penny Zastrow, 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).**

**This Week's Schedule (September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

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

**Wednesday:** NO Pastor's Prayer; 6:15-7:15pm – LIFT/Confirmation; 7pm – Committee meetings

**Thursday:** 5:30pm – Executive meeting

**Friday:** 6:30pm – S'more Arrow Football at the Three Maidens

**Sunday:** 9:30am – Worship, w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; 10:30am – 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students meet w/Pastor; 1pm - Pastor at Good Sam, 2pm @Ridgeview; Fall Theological in Spicer, MN; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

<b>September 2025 Offering</b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$21,150.00</b>
Weekly Offering – September 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – September 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – September 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Weekly Offering – September 28 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>MONTH TOTAL:</b>	

**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.

THANK YOU for giving!!

**Noisy Offering for September 2025 is being collected for:**

**The Banquet in Sioux Falls**

The total amount collected was: **\$4.41**

**THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.**

***First Lutheran will be serving at The Banquet on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>!!***





## ***S'More Arrows Tailgate Bonfire Party***

Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

@ 6:30pm

Three Maidens Picnic  
Area

Bring your chair & bug  
spray!



We will gather at 6:30pm, game starts at 7pm. All the typical s'more ingredients will be provided but feel free to bring some of your favorites to share if you wish. Come and go as you please! See you at the bonfire!!

### **HELP WANTED: Meals On Wheels deliverers needed**

*Please contact Dennis Lundblad for more details if you would be willing to help deliver meals for home-bound people. Dennis's cell: 507-690-8123*

### **Food Shelf Volunteers Needed:**

**We will need volunteers from First Lutheran for the food shelf when we serve on Thursday, October 23rd. We will need to be there by 1:30 for orientation. Please call Sarah Meyer (507-215-7401) and leave a message if you can help. We need 6-7 volunteers. Thanks to all who helped at our last workday in July - it was a great success! Sarah**

*It is approaching that time of year, the time to make **lefse**!  
If you are interested in learning how to make lefse, let Kristy Henriksen know. Once we know who is interested, we will find a date & time to meet. If you are interested in joining the group, even if you are a veteran lefse maker, let Kristy know, too. We have all the supplies & we have a good time, too!*



### **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 <<<.

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1. Website: [www.firstlutheranpipestone.org](http://www.firstlutheranpipestone.org)
2. Facebook: First Lutheran Church ELCA
3. Instagram: flcoff.pipe

*THANK YOU to all who have sent prayers, cards, money and gift cards to Curt and I during the past few months. Thank you truly isn't enough but please know that we have felt the prayers, we have read all the cards and that has helped Curt to know he wasn't alone in his battle. Gifts of money and gift cards have been put either towards gas, food or bills during his treatments. He is healing and has begun to eat food again (which he is so excited about!). He continues with other therapies and that will most likely be a lifelong activity. We are so very blessed to have all of you – our church family- pulling for him which means more than you will ever know. THANK YOU First Lutheran!!!!!!*  
*Curt & Lori Ilse*

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**Congregations of every size and context can  
nurture faith, create welcome, and embrace ministry  
with youth and young adults.**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Todd Buegler  
Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna MN

Featuring: the **SYNOD YOUTH BAND**  
Lunch catered by Qdoba!

Register online at [www.swmnelca.org/event/ecd2025](http://www.swmnelca.org/event/ecd2025)  
\$30 per person.

Attend your choice of 2 out of 6 Workshops!  
Workshop descriptions will be posted online at [www.swmnelca.org](http://www.swmnelca.org).



*This fun group all attended the Cade Thompson concert in Luverne on  
Wednesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a GREAT concert, and everyone had a fun time!!!!  
Thank you to all of our drivers, chaperones and this great bunch of kids!*

