

"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.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 8th, 2026

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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Scattering seeds of love, worship & service

Welcome/Announcements

Installation of 2026 Council and Committees

Call to Worship:

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

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #665 – Rise, Shine, You People!

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.

Kyrie: pg 184

Hymn of Praise: pg 187

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

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

Psalm 112 (please read responsively)

R: Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

C: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

R: Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

C: Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

R: It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C: For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

R: They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

C: Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

R: They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

C: The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also, no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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 5:13-20**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #715 – Christ Be Our Light (vs 1-4)

Responding to God's Word

Apostle's Creed

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 #744– Lord Be Glorified (vs 1, 3 & 4)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, we confess that we do not always understand ourselves or the world around us. We long for a life of meaning but are easily drawn toward things that leave us empty. Receive these gifts as signs of our deep hope. By your mysterious love, transform them—and us—for your good purposes. Amen.



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.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Songs: ELW #542 – O Living Bread from Heaven

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 #866 – We Are Marching in the Light

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.

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 in memory of Cindy Rae Woodbury by Rob Woodbury.

Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We send prayers of comfort to the family of Sharon Petersen who passed away suddenly on January 30th.

We continue to send our healing prayers to: Paul Johnson, Lisa Henriksen (sister-in-law of Paul & Kristi Henriksen), Jackson Baumann, Meg Petra (Pastor Ann's sister) & her wife, Lisa Riek, Ed Hansen, Becky Kaffar, Jacob Meyer (Sarah Meyer's nephew), Mildred Carstensen, Kristy Henriksen, Curt Ilse, 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 (February 8th – February 15th, 2026)

Today: 9:30am – Worship, w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; installation of 2026 Council & Committees; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Tuesday: 8:30am - Ministerial

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 6:15pm – Contemporary Service; 6:40pm - LIFT/Confirmation; 7:30pm – church Council meeting

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

Saturday: Valentine's Day

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; 2:00pm – SW Conference Assembly in Worthington, MN; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

February 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,505.53
Weekly Offering – February 1st	
Weekly Offering – February 8th	
Weekly Offering – February 15th	
LENT - Ash Wednesday Offering – February 18th	
Weekly Offering – February 22nd	
LENT - Offering – February 25th	
MONTH TOTAL:	

Needed per week (updated 2/2/2026):

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 February 2026 is being collected for:

Pipestone County Food Shelf

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$20.75**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



February & March (match-month) Noisy Offering will go to the Pipestone County Food Shelf

A little more about the Pipestone County Food Shelf: Located @ 223 2nd St NW in Pipestone

Website for more information: www.pipestonefoodshelf.com

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 2/2/2026: \$

THANK YOU to all who have donated!!!



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

Notes from Adult Ed:

We had a good visit from Tharan W. Leopold (MA, CFRE, CES of the ELCA Foundation) on January 11th. He presented a lot of good information about Gift Planning. If you weren't able to attend and would like more information, please contact Tharan at: tharan.leopold@elca.org OR go to the website: www.elca.org/foundation.

We encourage you to look into this to see how you can give to our church now and in the future.

Today we install our new or returning Council & Committee members!

**A SINCERE THANK YOU to all who have stepped up and are willing to give of yourself and your time!
We are beyond thankful for each one of you!!!**



Council President: Sarah Meyer (1-yr)
Council Vice-President: Rusty Hartke (1-yr)
Council Secretary: Nicole Weber (2-yr)
Sunday School/LIFT rep: Danielle Ossefoort (1-yr)
Congregational Life rep: Karen Boehm (2-yr)
Property Management rep: Al Hollingsworth (1-yr)
Worship Committee rep: Cristy Appel (2-yr)
Adult Ed rep: Robert Baerenwald (1-yr)
Youth rep: Marit Sterud (1-yr)
Shetek Bible camp liaison: Kristen Brockberg
Synod Assembly reps: Paul & Kristy Henriksen

Shetek Conf. Assembly reps: Pastor Ann Zastrow & Sarah Meyer
Adult Ed Committee: Diane Leslie
Sunday School Committee: Kiley Houselog, Tanya Schroyer
Youth Committee: Kristen Brockberg
Outreach & Mission: Kristy Henriksen
Worship Committee: Tami Taubert, Mark Zinnel
Property Management: Mike Straw, Scott Sterud, Scott Rudie, Dennis Lundblad
Endowment Committee: Paul Henriksen, Dennis Peterson, Bob Taubert



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!

HELP SUPPORT HOPE HAVEN

Hope Haven's 'Keys of Love' Deuling Piano Fundraiser
Friday, February 13th @7pm
The District in Sioux Falls, SD

Join us for a fun night of music and entertainment with Dueling Duo, Any & Ryno!

All proceeds support Hope Haven International Ministries in providing wheelchairs to those in need around the world.
Tickets and details are available at: hopehaven.org/events





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 are 5 open slots (listed below) so if you would like to get signed up for one, please add your name to one of the open slots on the sheet. 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!!

April 26th
June 28th

September 20th
October 11th

December 13th



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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