

"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.

**24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 23rd, 2025
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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Members of First Lutheran Church

Pastor: Pastor Ann Zastrow

Organist: Paul Henriksen

Sound: Neil Johnson

Reader: Nancy Johnson

Acolyte: Connor Thode

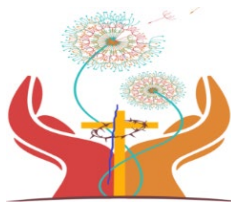
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***Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service***

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

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

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #434 – Jesus Shall Reign (vs 1, 3 & 4)

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.

(NEW Liturgy) Kyrie: pg 184

Hymn of Praise: pg 185-186

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you; we glorify you; we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your

divine majesty, 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Psalms 46 (please read responsively)

R: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

R: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

R: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

R: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

R: behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

R: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 23:32-43**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the

people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #439 – Soon and Very Soon

Responding to God's Word

Apostle's 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 #670 – Build Us Up, Lord (vs 2)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, creator of all things, as we offer our tithes and gifts today, we recognize Christ as the One through whom all things hold together. May these offerings reflect our gratitude for his salvation and reconciliation in our lives. May our hearts be filled with his peace, and may our resources be used to further the Church's mission. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #855 – Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs 1, 3, 4 & 5)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **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 celebration of Mara Taubert's birthday by her family.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Our thoughts and prayers to Scott and Gail Barduson on the passing of Scott's mom, Barbara, this past week. We continue to pray for Mildred Carstensen, Kristy Henriksen, 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.**

This Week's Schedule (November 23rd – November 30th, 2025)

Today: 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; 1:00-3:00pm, lefse making; 7pm – Community Thanksgiving service @Christ the King church; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: Lori out of the office (medical appts); NO LIFT/Confirmation

Thursday: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!! Offices closed

Friday: Offices closed

Sunday (First Sunday of Advent): 9:30am – Worship, w/Holy Communion, live-streamed; Pastor Ann - 1pm Good Sam, 2pm – Ridgeview; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

November 2025 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,150.00
Weekly Offering – November 2 nd	
Weekly Offering – November 9 th	
Weekly Offering – November 16 th	
Weekly Offering – November 23 rd	
Weekly Offering – November 30 th	
MONTH TOTAL:	

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 November & December 2025 is being collected for:

Youth Project (Christmas Toy drive)

The total amount collected was: **\$16.30**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



LEFSE LOVERS – here is your chance to learn the skill of lefse making!!!! Join us on
TODAY from 1pm – 3pm
to hone your skills for lefse making here in the kitchen of First Lutheran!!



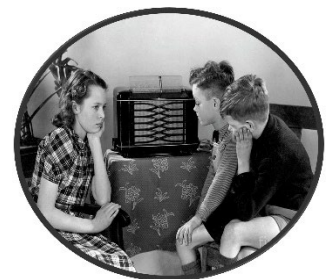
BELL TOWER REPAIR ASSISTANCE

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 on memo line. Cost is estimated to cost \$23,000+. Repairs expected to begin mid-November.

*Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2025 FLCW Kaffi-Ti
Saturday, December 13th from 1-3pm!!!*

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 **12 open slots** so if you would like to get signed up for one, please add your name to one of the open slots.

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



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 <<<.

Looking for a meaningful way to help others? United Community Action Partnership has another opportunity for you! Become a volunteer driver and get reimbursed for your miles. Volunteer drivers provide transportation services so people can live as independently as possible and stay active. If you might be interested, give Amanda a call 507-847-2632 ext. 1119 or email communityconnection@unitedcapmn.org.



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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Community Thanksgiving Service

(Sponsored by the Pipestone Area Ministerial)

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Christ the King Free
Lutheran Church

(HWY 75 North, 804 8th Ave NE)

TODAY
November 23rd
at 7:00 PM

O give *thanks*
unto the LORD, for he is good;
for his mercy endures forever.
Psalm 137:1-2

All are welcome to enjoy a time of community
praise, music, prayers of thanks and a
message to compel a spirit of thanks.

+ Offering for the Ministerial Fund (for those in need)

**PIPESTONE AREA CHAMBER'S
10TH ANNUAL
Small Business Saturday
HOLIDAY VENDOR FAIR &
MANY LOCAL DEALS ONLINE @
PIPESTONEMINNESOTA.COM**

**SAT, NOV 29, 2025
9AM TO 2PM
LEGION HALL &
ALL OVER PIPESTONE**

**FREE COFFEE & DONUTS
FOR SHOPPERS!
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)**

**PRIZE DRAWINGS!
INCLUDING SHOP-A-SAURUS DINOS!**

**PIPESTONE AREA CHAMBER ENCOURAGES EVERYONE
TO COME OUT & SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

**CHAMBER
MEMBERS:
ENTER
YOUR
SHOP
SMALL
OR BLACK
FRIDAY
DEAL HERE**