

"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.

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 6th, 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 #887 – This Is My Song

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 140

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

Psalm 66:1-9 (please read responsively)

R: Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

C: Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

R: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

C: All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

R: Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

C: God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

R: Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

C: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

R: Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

Second Lesson: Galatians 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of 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 **Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'" "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the

power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

Sermon

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

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 #880 – O God Beyond All Praising (vs 1)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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 Hymns: ELW #522 – As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #613 – Thy Holy Wings

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #434 – Jesus Shall Reign

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.

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 honor of Howard & Perdita Douty's anniversary by their children.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We continue our prayers of healing for 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 (July 6th – July 13th, 2025)

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

Tuesday: 1:30pm – Food Shelf meeting

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer, 7:30pm – Church Council meeting

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

Saturday: 2-4pm – Dunn Bridal shower in Fellowship Hall.

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

OFFICE NOTE: The office hours from now thru August 6th, 2025 will be:

8am – 1:00pm Monday thru Thursday & 8am – noon on Friday (as usual)

There may be a day or two that may change but I will do my best to make sure it is posted. Feel free to send an email to the church office or contact pastor on her cell if there is anything you need.

Curt is navigating through radiation and is doing pretty well so far. We sincerely thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and all of your caring words through this journey.

~Thank you for your understanding! Lori

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<i>June 2025 Offering</i>	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,150.00
Weekly Offering – June 1st	
Weekly Offering – June 8th	
Weekly Offering – June 15th	
Weekly Offering – June 22nd	
Weekly Offering – June 29th	
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 June/July 2025 is being collected for:

PIPESTONE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$188.88.**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



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 right >>>.



FOOD SHELF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: On July 17th, 2025, it will be our church's turn to volunteer for the food shelf here in Pipestone. I am asking for your help, for 8 volunteers. You would need to be

at the back door of the food shelf (east side of the Senior Citizens building) at 1:30 that day, and we should be done between 5:00 and 5:30 (partial shifts are possible). I am asking the entire church family to support our community. We are on the food shelf community board, and volunteer 4 times a year. So please consider taking time to volunteer. Please call me, Sarah Meyer, at: 507-215-7401. Leave a message, and I will return your call, or let me know if you can volunteer that day. Thank you for supporting our community! Sarah Meyer

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Pipestone County Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteer drivers for the Pipestone area. The routes are in town only and take about an hour or less to complete.

This is a great opportunity to get engaged with our community and meet new people.

Please consider volunteering.

Pipestone County Meals on Wheels is based out of the Pipestone County Senior Center.

Please contact Tanya Witte @605-359-6722 to sign up.



The Pipestone County Fair will be here before we know it! Twenty-four days to be exact!!! We have already begun the prep work for the 2025 First Lutheran Fairstand but we will need all hands-on deck to help make this all work. Signup sheets are in the Narthex and will be posted online in a week or two. Anyone from 3rd grade on up to adults are encouraged to join us. It is a great way to get to know others in your church family and I hear it can be pretty darn fun too!!!! If you are unable to help physically, just stopping in for a burger or a beverage – that helps just as much!!



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
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