

"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.

**11th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 9th, 2026
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: 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.

L: 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. Believing this promise from Scripture, we confess our sins:

(silence for personal reflection)

L: Gracious God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

L: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #821 - Shout to the Lord

Greeting

L: 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 139 – Glory to God (begin singing when music begins)

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18

At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also, you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13 (please read responsively)

R: I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

C: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

R: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

R: The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

L: Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew 14:22-33**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on

the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #596 – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Apostle's Creed

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of the Church

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Receive our prayer

L: 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 #686 – We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs 1 & 2)

Offering Prayer:

L: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, when storms of doubt and fear arise, you remain our shelter and strength. Steady us with your peace. Restore our confidence in your faithfulness. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in your unfailing love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

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Lord's Prayer

Benediction

L: 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 #785 – When Peace Like a River (vs 1, 3 & 4)

Dismissal

L: 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 honor of Matthew's birthday by Dave & Ellen Dulas.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We give our healing prayers to: Pastor Mary Sacco, Mary Lou Bjagan, 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. 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 (August 9th – 16th, 2026)

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

Wednesday: 6:00pm – Church Council meeting; 12:00pm & 5:00pm – Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

Friday: Office closed

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

August 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Weekly Offering – August 2 nd	
Weekly Offering – August 9 th	
Weekly Offering – August 16 th	
Weekly Offering – August 23 rd	
Weekly Offering – August 30 th	
MONTH TOTAL:	
Needed per week:	
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 August 2026 is being collected for:

Pipestone United Way

The total amount collected was: **\$117.00**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



A little more about the Pipestone United Way: United Way of Pipestone County is a 100% local, independent organization. It is about creating lasting changes right in Pipestone County.

*United Way of Pipestone County campaign runs
Labor Day - Thanksgiving Day.*

We need your help to make lasting changes in OUR community. Every gift makes a difference! Your donation will help fund 30+ Organizations in Pipestone County.

THANK YOU for CREATING Opportunities and inspiring HOPE for a better tomorrow.



We 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!!!!

THANK YOU to all of the families and individuals who have helped at the fairstand this week!!! All of your work is appreciated so much more than you know!

We are truly blessed with such wonderful people – THANK YOU & God Bless!!!

Words of Encouragement
The path of Christ produces joy, peace, love and service.
Then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.
~Joshua 24:15

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