

*"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.

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**  
**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 Song: Beautiful One**

**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.**

**Hymn of Praise: Make Me a Servant**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

### **Psalm 32 (please read responsively)**

R: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

**C: Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

R: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

**C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

R: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**C: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

R: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**C: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

R: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

**C: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

R: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

### **Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19**

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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 4:1-11**

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

**Sermon**

**Song of the Day: Voice of Truth**

***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 Song: I Love to Tell the Story**

**Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: As we journey through this season of Lent, we bring these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. You have given us life, hope, and the promise of redemption through Christ. Use what we offer today—our resources, our time, and our hearts—to bring light where there is darkness, comfort where there is sorrow, and justice where there is need. May our giving reflect the self-giving love of Jesus, who calls us to follow Him in faith and service. In His holy name we pray. Amen.**



**Lord's Prayer**

***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 Song: God Is Great**

***Dismissal***

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **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 memory of Fern Horton's birthday by Dwight & Sheila Horton and family.

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We send prayers of comfort to Gen and Jake Velde on the sudden passing of Jake's mother. We continue to send our healing prayers to: Carole Sommers, 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), 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).

This Week's Schedule (February 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026)

Today: 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM); 4:05pm - Stampede game

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 6:15pm – Lent service; 6:45-7:15pm - LIFT/Confirmation

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

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

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

**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 & March 2026 is being collected for:

**Pipestone County Food Shelf**

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$35.98**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW in Pipestone*

*Website for more information: [www.pipestonefoodshelf.com](http://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  
2/15/2026: \$

THANK YOU to all who have  
donated!!! We are getting close!!

During Lent, we are collecting items for the personal care kits. Please bring in any of the listed items and place them in the blue tote in the Narthex!!



### Personal Care Kit items:

- 1 light-weight, dark towel
- 2 bath-size bars of soap
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in original package
  - 1 sturdy comb
  - 1 metal nail clipper



*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!*

### From the Adult Education Committee

If you have read any good biblical books or seen any good movies (or online stories) that honors or beliefs and our Lord, please write a review for our monthly newsletter & Sunday bulletin. Send it to Lori at the FLC office. We want to spread the Good News anyway we can plus we want to spread people's minds.

Thank You.



### **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!



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 **3 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!!

June 28<sup>th</sup>

September 20<sup>th</sup>

December 13<sup>th</sup>



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

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*25th Annual  
Hospice Benefit Fundraiser*

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Pipestone Country Club

Dinner includes

- Our signature Cupcake Sweet Red Wine
- Charcuterie table-Prepared by Staci's Bar & Grill
- Salad
- Ribeye-Prepared by Pipestone County Cattlemen's Association
- Cupcakes-Goodies 4 U
- Lingen Dairy Ice Cream

Early bird tickets are \$55. After March 13<sup>th</sup> they will go to \$60

Social hour begins at 4 pm  
Dinner at 6 pm  
Live auction at 7:30 pm

The evening will also include a diamond give away sponsored by First Bank & Trust of Pipestone and the grand finale drawing for the iPad and the quilt.

Scan the code to purchase tickets or bid on our silent auction items.

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& Family Clinic  
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