

***"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.

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, February 1<sup>st</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 Hymn: ELW #697 – Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

***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: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us  
such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world  
may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ***Hearing God's Word***

### **First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

### **Psalm 15 (please read responsively)**

R: Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**C: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

R: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**C: In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

R: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

### **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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 5:1-12**

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are

persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”  
The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW #873 – Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (vs 1-3)

### ***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: Blessed One, your words in the Beatitudes challenge and renew us. As we present these offerings, we rejoice that they will support ministries of peace, mercy, comfort, and truth. May your Spirit guide us as we live out the love we receive through your Son, Jesus Christ. 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 #522 – As We Gather at Your Table

#### **Prayer After Communion**

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our 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 #714 – O God of Mercy, God of Light (vs 1, 3 & 4)**

### ***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.**

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 Larry Rieck on their anniversary by Barb Rieck.

### **† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

We also send our healing prayers to: Paul Johnson, Lisa Henriksen (sister-in-law of Paul & Kristi Henriksen), Jackson Borman, Meg Petra (Pastor Ann's sister) & her wife, Lisa Riek, Ed Hansen, Becky Kaffar, Sarah Meyer and her nephew, Jacob Meyer, 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](mailto:office@firstlutheranpipestone.org).**

### **This Week's Schedule (February 1<sup>st</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026)**

**Today:** 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; Annual meeting (rescheduled) immediately following worship; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**Wednesday:** 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer; 6:15pm - LIFT/Confirmation; 7:00pm – committee meetings

**Thursday:** 5:30pm – Executive meeting

**Sunday:** 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; 2026 Council installation; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

<b><i>January 2026 Offering</i></b>	
<b>Monthly Offering needed:</b>	<b>\$21,150.00</b>
Weekly Offering – January 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – January 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Weekly Offering – January 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Weekly Offering – January 28 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>MONTH TOTAL:</b>	

### **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!!



Please make a point to stay for our Annual Congregational meeting  
**rescheduled for**  
**TODAY (Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026).**  
Come be a positive change for our future generations!!

Noisy Offering for January 2026 was being collected for:

**SW Crisis Center**

The total amount collected was: **\$55.97**

**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  
1/26/2025: \$

THANK YOU to all who have  
donated!!!

### Notes from Adult Ed:

We had a good visit from Tharan W. Leopold (MA, CFRE, CES of the ELCA Foundation) on January 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:tharan.leopold@elca.org) OR go to the website:

[www.elca.org/foundation](http://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.



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> @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](http://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 **7 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 sign up 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 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup>

June 28<sup>th</sup>  
September 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

October 11<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](https://www.instagram.com/flcoff.pipe)

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