

***"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.

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 #436 – Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**

***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: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Hearing God's Word***

### **First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

### **Psalm 33:12-22 (please read responsively)**

R: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**C: The Lord looks down from heaven and sees all humankind.**

R: God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

**C: God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

R: A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**C: The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

R: Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**C: to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

R: Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

**C: Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

R: Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

### **Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40**

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

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know

this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW #768– Lead Me, Guide Me

## ***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 #821 – Shout to the Lord

#### **Offering Prayer:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 #764 – Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW #863 – My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

### **Prayer After Communion**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***Blessing***

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

**Sending Hymn: ELW #632 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

***Dismissal***

**P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. 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 honor of Matthew's birthday by Dave & Ellen Dulas.

**† Continuing Prayer Concerns:**

We continue our prayers of healing for Lynne Dalen, Carole Sommers, Penny Zastrow, 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 (August 10<sup>th</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

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

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

**Thursday:** 9:30am - Quilting

**Sunday:** 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; Pastor Ann @Good Sam (1pm) & Ridgeview (2pm); Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

**OFFICE NOTE: Thank you for your patience, understanding and prayers throughout these past few months! We are done with radiation but still have a way to go. But we are looking forward to the time to heal. Lori & Curt**

***August 2025 Offering***

**Monthly Offering needed: \$21,150.00**

Weekly Offering – August 3rd	
Weekly Offering – August 10th	
Weekly Offering – August 17th	
Weekly Offering – August 24th	
Weekly Offering – August 31st	
<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!!

## **Noisy Offering for August 2025 is being collected for:** **School Supply Kits**

The total amount collected was: **\$100.00**

**THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.**

***Noisy Offering for September will go for The Banquet***



**DID YOU KNOW** – if you are a Thrivent member: You may be earning Thrivent Choice Dollars that can be designated to your church or a designation of your choosing? Every little bit counts and so far, this year, we have gained about \$350 from members who have designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to First Lutheran!!

Log in to **thrivent.com** and scroll to the bottom of the Account Overview page to see your available Choice Dollars®. You can choose where you would like your

Choice Dollars to go. Works very much like a rewards program so check out your options today!!!

## **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 >>>.



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

## **2025 Fairstand Stats:**

Total Hamburgers/cheeseburgers/dbl burgers sold	1449
Total hot dogs/chili dogs sold	318

Total Walking tacos sold	402
Total BBQ's sold	79
Total slices of pie	154
Total cans of pop	1279
Total bottles of water	591

A total profit from the fairstand will be posted once all of the bills have been received. THANK YOU AGAIN to all who stepped up to work shifts (& some more than one shift!) and all of those who came to eat!! A very special thanks to Steve Werner (manager), Mark Zinnel & Rita Hazelton for all of the extra work that you put in to make the FLC Fairstand so successful again this year!

Pipestone Women's Connection cordially invites you to a luncheon at the Christian Reformed Church,  
Pipestone on **Monday, August 18, 2025.**

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 \$10 (includes tax) First time guest tickets are complimentary.

FEATURE: Marie LaRock will share about The Rock Ranch, a non-profit entity, which provides horsemanship training, riding lessons, senior programing and mental health counseling in a natural Christ-filled setting.

SPEAKER : Nicolette Lane, Indianola, IA "Finding Your Comfort Zone in the Midst of Chaos."

Reservations for lunch and complimentary childcare by Thursday, August 14.

Please call Deb: 507-820-1456 \* Marian: 507-820-1272 \* Susan: 507-920-6675

**CANCELLATIONS ARE NECESSARY BY SUNDAY, August 17.**

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