

"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.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 22nd, 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 #708 – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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 139

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there. Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:23-29 (please read responsively)

R: But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

C: Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

R: Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls, you have rescued me.

C: I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly, I will praise you.

R: You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

C: For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

R: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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 8:26-39**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time, he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran

off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So, he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So, he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.
The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #843 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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 #801 – Change My Heart, O God

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #650 – In Christ There is No East or West

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.

The Worship Radio Broadcast is sponsored today in memory of Arthur Finzen by Nancy Finzen

† Continuing Prayer Concerns:

We continue our prayers of healing for JoAn VanderPol, 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 (June 22nd – June 29th, 2025)

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

Monday: 8:30am – Shetek Golf Tournament (see details as posted)

Wednesday: 8:15am – Pastor's Prayer (hosting)

Friday: WaterTower Festival begins

Saturday: 10:30am - Shetek Quilt Auction (see details as posted)

Sunday: 9:30am – Worship, live-streamed; 2pm – Pipestone A's game; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

OFFICE NOTE: I will post my hours each week on the main door at the church and on the FB page. My days and hours may vary depending on my husband's treatments & appointments. I will try to keep you updated here as well each week. Feel free to send an email to the church office or contact pastor on her cell if there is anything you need.

~Thank you for your understanding! Lori

June 2025 Offering	
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.

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Noisy Offering for June/July 2025 is being collected for:

PIPESTONE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

The total amount collected thus far is: **\$131.03.**

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

Take Us Out to the Ball Game



The Canaries game was a lot of fun, so why not take in another game, much closer to home! We will attend the A's game on Sunday, June 29th, against Luverne. The game starts at 2 pm. There is no admission cost, the food is good, and we can support our hometown team! You don't need to sign up ahead of time, just show up and cheer on our A's!

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.



Pipestone Community
First Lutheran Church

Sponsor Group

June 17th

Date of Drive

48 Total Number of Donors	1 First Time Donors
141 Potential Lives Saved	47 Units Collected

One single blood donation can help save more than one life.
Thank you for supporting our lifesaving mission!

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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
3. Instagram: flcoff.pipe

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14 Keeley Island Drive Slayton, MN 56172

Located 8 miles north of Slayton on Hwy.
59 then 2 miles east on Vahalla Road
Please allow for extra time with the road
construction.

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 28, 2025
10:30 A.M.
in the Activity Center**

- Pulled Pork Dinner
11a.m.-1p.m. \$10/person
- Hand Quilted and Machine-
Quilted Quilts

Quilt Preview

Friday, June 27 - 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Picnic Supper 5:30-7:00 p.m. \$8/person

Saturday, June 28 - 8:30-10:00 a.m.
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