

"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 24th, 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 #556 – Morning Has Broken

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 God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-8 (please read responsively)

R: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

R: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

C: who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

R: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

C: O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

R: You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

C: Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire. 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 13:10-17**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this

woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by 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



Holy Baptism of: Luka Scott Alfson

Parents: Brandan & Stephanie Alfson

Sponsors: Laura Rudie, Matt Enger, Creighton & Tanya Schroyer

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 #204 – Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Loving God, you bring freedom to those who are bound and healing to those who are hurting.

As we offer our gifts today, we pray that they will be used to bring release to the captives and comfort to the oppressed. May our actions reflect your love for all people. Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Blessing

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

Sending Hymn: ACS #1097 – Ten Thousand Reasons (copy on back page)

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 in loving memory of her mother, Arlene Stubbe by Judy Stubbe.

† 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.

This Week's Schedule (August 24th – August 31st, 2025)

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

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

Thursday: 9:30am – Quilting

Friday: 5pm - wedding rehearsal (Dunn/Paulsen)

Saturday: 4pm – wedding (Dunn/Paulsen)

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

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	
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.

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: **\$126.49**

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.

Noisy Offering for September will go for The Banquet



Direct your
**Thrivent Choice
Dollars**
Today!



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 \$396 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 >>>.



Today in Holy Baptism, we welcome

Luka Scott Alfson

Luka was born on April 1st, 2024 to Brandan & Stephanie (Rudie) Alfson.

Luka joins his sisters, Brea & Mikaia.

Welcome Luka to our family here at First Lutheran!!



We are collecting for School Kits!!

- *70 sheet notebooks
- *pencil sharpener
- * ruler with centimeters and inches
- *16 or 24 count box of crayons
- *blunt scissors
- *unsharpened #2 pencils
- *ballpoint pens (no gel)
- *eraser approx. 2 ½ in.

Backpacks will be purchased. 100 is our annual goal.

Supplies can be placed in the tote in the Narthex BY SEPTEMBER 7TH! Noisy Offering for August will go to purchase supplies for the school kits as well!!

Note from the SF Canaries

As a thank you for your support of the Canaries, we wanted to reach out and offer the FLC Pipestone family discounted tickets for ANY of our remaining 2025 Regular Season games!

Save up to \$7 per ticket on any game of your choosing by using the promo code PEEP prior to checkout through the following link: <https://tickets.sfcarnaries.com/>

2025 Fairstand Stats:

Total in Deposits	
Total Expenses (thus far – waiting on one more bill)	
Total Profit for 2025	

THANK YOU AGAIN to all who stepped up to work shifts (& some more than one shift!) and to all of those who came to eat!!



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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PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

1097

Ten Thousand Reasons Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,
O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
name . . is . . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your
end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
soul will sing your praise un - end - ing— ten thou-sand

Refrain

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
rea - sons for my heart to find.
years and then for - ev - er - more!