

"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.

**13th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 23rd, 2026
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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***Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service***

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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. Believing this promise from Scripture, we confess our sins:

(silence for personal reflection)

P: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us according to your loving-kindness.

According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins; for we acknowledge our transgressions and our sin is ever before us. Create in us

clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: God's loving-kindness has appeared to us in Christ Jesus. By God's mercy poured out on us in Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Through God's Spirit living in us, we are free to live as God's beloved people.

C: Thanks be to God, Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #645 – Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Greeting

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 *(please speak responses)*

Hymn of Praise: pg 139 – Glory to God *(begin singing when music begins)*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended. Here ends the First Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 138 (please read responsively)

R: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

R: When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

C: All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

R: They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

C: The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

R: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

C: You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body, we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Here ends the Second Lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: ELW #517 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

P: Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew 16:13-20**

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be

bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Children’s Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #654 - The Church’s One Foundation

Apostle’s Creed

Responding to God’s Word

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 #686 – We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs 1 & 2)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: You have commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, and you have again brought us to your house of prayer to praise your goodness and ask for your gifts. Accept now in your endless mercy, the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving. Make us to be children of the light and heirs of your everlasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of your mercies, your whole church, all who join with us in prayer, all our sisters and brothers wherever they may be in your vast kingdom who stand in need of your help and comfort. Pour out upon them the riches of your mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body and steadfast in faith, may ever praise your wonderful and holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

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 #576– We Are All One in Mission

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 give our healing prayers to: Rusty Hartke, Randy Claussen, Mavis Pierson, Paul Cunningham (brother-in-law of Robert & Teri Petersen), Pastor Mary Sacco, Mary Lou Bjugan, Vera Newgard, Maverick & Carly Burkard, 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. Please feel free to send a card of encouragement to anyone listed above. Addresses are posted on the Caring Cards sheet hanging on the south post in the Narthex. THANK YOU in advance!!**

This Week's Schedule (August 23rd – 30th, 2026)

Today: 9:30am – Worship w/Ret. Pastor John Dalen, live-streamed; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Wednesday: Lori out of the office (medical appts)

Thursday: 9:30am - Quilting

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

August 2026 Offering	
Monthly Offering needed:	\$17,506.00
Weekly Offering – August 2 nd	
Weekly Offering – August 9 th	
Weekly Offering – August 16 th	
Weekly Offering – August 23 rd	
Weekly Offering – August 30 th	
MONTH TOTAL:	
Needed per week:	
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 August 2026 is being collected for:

Pipestone United Way

The total amount collected was: **\$57.00** (I forgot to change the total from last month)

THANK YOU for your support of these important Outreach needs.



A little more about the Pipestone United Way: United Way of Pipestone County is a 100% local, independent organization. It is about creating lasting changes right in Pipestone County.

United Way of Pipestone County campaign runs

Labor Day - Thanksgiving Day.

We need your help to make lasting changes in OUR community. Every gift makes a difference! Your donation will help fund 30+ Organizations in Pipestone County. THANK YOU for giving to the Pipestone United Way!

HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

For Fall 2026:

†Sunday, September 20th

†Sunday, October 20th

†Sunday, November 15th

(3rd Sundays)

w/Pastor Mark Jamison



DID YOU KNOW:

That the office sends out informational emails? Please check your emails often to stay in 'the loop'!! Make sure to check in your spam or junk mail too!

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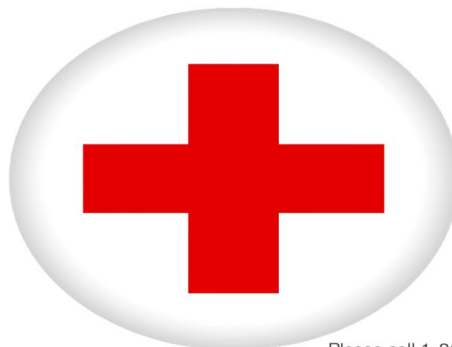
We NEED Communion Assistants, Lesson Readers and Acolytes!!!



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 – just by scanning the QR code with your phone!

Many hands make for light work – please consider being one of the many hands!!!!



Blood Drive **Pipestone Community** **First Lutheran Church**

Social Hall
401 7th Ave SW
Pipestone, MN 56164

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: PipestoneMN to schedule an appointment.



The American Red Cross and Hello Kitty are releasing exclusive NEW merch! Come give blood Sept. 1-20 for a super-cute Red Cross x Hello Kitty collectible item, while supplies last!



Congregation Input Box

Please know that we need EVERYONE to be involved in some way in the search for a new pastor. So, we have placed a lovely box (WHITE) in the Narthex. Using the scratch paper in the pews (paper also available by the box), please let us know a few things:

- Likes/Dislikes of pastors you have heard preach (here or elsewhere, no names please)
 - List top 3 things you feel are important in a church.
 - Traits of a good pastor (what you feel are good traits).
 - Any other things you feel may be helpful.

We do not want any names, we just ask for your honesty in letting us know your needs as a person of faith, what you would like to see for our younger members in their faith journey, etc. It is very important to keep an open mind and not look at the here and now, but what we want to see down the road. We want to do what we can to ensure that it is here for future generations – we need your help, we need your input.

***Please understand that there is no way to possibly fill everyone's needs and wants but we want to get a good idea of where to begin. THANK YOU!!!*

Words of Encouragement
Trust the Lord, for the Lord will NOT fail you!
 Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again.
 ~Ecclesiastes 11:1

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From the Adult Education Committee:

The Lord's Prayer in Aramaic w/transliteration & English translation – as Jesus would have spoken it:

Aramaic (Syriac script)	Transliteration	English Translation
ܐܬܬܐܢܐ ܕܒܫܡܝܐ	Abwoon d'bwashmaya	Our Father who art in heaven
ܬܫܡܝܐ ܩܕܝܫܐ	Nethqadash shmokh	Hallowed be thy name
ܡܠܟܬܐ ܕܡܠܟܘܬܐ	Tethe malkuthakh	Thy kingdom come
ܡܠܟܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ	Nehwey tzevyanakh	Thy will be done
ܕܡܠܟܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ	Aykanah d'bwashmaya af b'ar'a	As in heaven, so on earth
ܡܠܟܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ	Hab lan lakhma d'sunqanan yomana	Give us this day our daily bread
ܡܠܟܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ	Washboq lan hawbayn	And forgive us our debts
ܡܠܟܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ	Aykanah d'af hnan shbaqan l'haybayn	As we forgive our debtors
ܡܠܟܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ	Wela ta'lan l'nisyonah	And lead us not into temptation
ܡܠܟܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ	Ela patzan min bisha	But deliver us from evil
ܡܠܟܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ ܕܥܡܪܐ	Metol dilakh hi malkutha wahayla wateshbukhta l'alam almin	For thine is the kingdom, power, and glory forever

This version captures both the poetic and sacred rhythm of Jesus's words. It is more than just language, it's living heritage.