

"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.

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 11th, 2022
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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Members of First Lutheran Church

Pastor: Pastor Ann Zastrow

Organist: Paul Henriksen

Sound: Jason Weber

Reader: Cynthia Portz

Advent Candle/Readers:

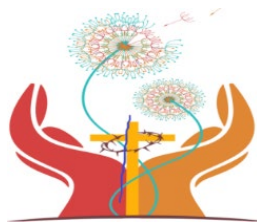
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***Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service***

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn #239: Hark the Glad Sound (vs 3)

(please sing as lighters/readers come up as well as return to their seats)

Call to Worship:

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #253 – He Came Down

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.**

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (please read responsively)

R: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

C: that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

R: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

C: Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

R: May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

C: Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

R: In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

C: Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!

R: And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

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

The **Holy Gospel** is taken from **Matthew** (Matthew 1:18-25)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #293 – That Boy – Child of Mary

Responding to God’s Word

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

Offering / Offering Hymn: #715 – Christ Be Our Light (vs 5)

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

God’s People Sent Forth

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #267 – Joy to the World

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.

****Please note that beginning January 1st, 2023, communion will be on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month.**

The Worship Radio Broadcast today is sponsored in honor of Mara Taubert’s 22nd birthday by her family.

✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns: Keep Bob Fritz in your prayers as he recovers from hip surgery. Continued prayers for Janice Harkema she continues to deal with health issues.

***** 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. Please email the church office@firstlutheranpipestone.org or call 825-5837 when someone is no longer needed to be on the prayer concerns list.**

This Week’s Schedule (Dec.11th to Dec. 18th)

Today: 9:30am – Worship at the church & live streamed. Nehemiah Bible Study after Worship; Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Tuesday: Pastor Ann out of office

Wednesday: 6:15pm – L.I.F.T.; 8:00pm – Church Council meeting; 12pm & 5:00pm - Sunday Service broadcast on Public Access TV (channel 3)

Sunday: 9:30am Worship/Children’s Christmas program at the church & live streamed. Radio: 10:30am aired on KLOH (1050 AM)

Extra offering books are available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take another book if you are running low or contact the church office if you would like one sent to you!! Simply Giving is also available online.

Noisy Offering for DECEMBER is being collected for: God’s Global Barnyard

The total amount collected to date for God’s Global Barnyard is \$5.37.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.

Pipestone Women's Connection cordially invites you to a luncheon at the Christian Reformed Church, 800 2nd Ave. S.E., Pipestone on **Monday, December 12**, 2022, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.

\$10 (includes tax & tip) *First time guest tickets are complimentary.

FEATURE: We'll get a 'sneak peek' at the next Arts & Mentoring Project led by Reggie Gorter and Brenna Jones! Some of the cast will present a few of their best songs from "Scrooge, The Musical", which is coming to the Performing Arts Center December 16-18.

SPEAKER: Cynthia Shepperd, Egan, SD.

Title: "A Christmas Heart" with humor and heart, Cynthia will give us something to think about as we anticipate the Christmas holiday.

*Reservations for lunch and complimentary childcare was due **THURSDAY, December 8th**.*

Please call Rosie: 605-201-6484; Marian: 507-820-1272; Susan: 507-920-6675

Cancellations are necessary by Sunday, December 11th.

Do you have some good, gently used coats? First Lutheran is collecting winter coats for Bomgaars. Boxes are available in the Narthex. Deadline for the coats is December 30th.

2023 Radio Broadcast Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of a loved one, in celebration of a birthday, etc. the sign up for 2023 is posted in the hall by the offices. Spots are going fast so get signed up TODAY!!

Cost of a radio sponsorship is \$58, payable to First Lutheran Church (please write "Radio" in the memo line).

Thank you in advance for giving to this great ministry!

Children's Christmas Program 2022

Mark your calendar to come join us for the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18th at 9:30am!



Christmas Services

First Lutheran will have one service on Christmas Eve (Saturday) at 4:00pm with Communion and we will have another service Sunday morning at the normal worship time (with NO communion).

THANK YOU to everyone who helped setup, brought in goodies and worked at the

Annual Kaffi-Ti yesterday!

All of your hard work was GREATLY appreciated!!!

We are looking for **COMMUNION SET-UP HELPERS!!!**

The Communion committee is in need of a couple more volunteers. Communion set-up helpers are responsible to set up communion 1-2 months a year. Training will be provided. If you are willing to help, please contact Gail Barduson at 215-0628.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Upcoming Events – mark your calendars!!

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Additional information</i>
<i>December 27</i>	<i>*Winter Fun Day</i>	<i>For grades 3rd thru 6th – snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, indoor activities, crafts, etc. Register by Dec. 16th.</i>
<i>April 28-29, 2023</i>	<i>Confirmation Retreat</i>	<i>More information will be forthcoming.</i>

*Register for these events online at: www.shetek.org or contact the church office for a registration form.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022

All members should have received an email or a letter in the mail regarding log-in information as well as how to get your picture and family information updated in the online church directory. Information is also available on our website so make sure to check that out. We would love to have everyone's picture included in the directory so that Pastor Ann can get to know your face as well as your name!



Parsonage Project:

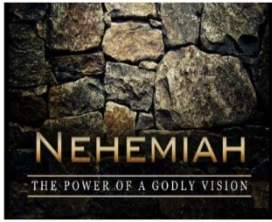
We are so thankful to have Pastor Ann all settled into our parsonage!! Please consider donating toward the \$80,000 project (this is also a tax-deductible donation). Identify your check as going toward the **parsonage project**. We are lucky to be debt free as a church and would like to pay for the remodel entirely through generous donations from our members and from funds available in accounts held within the church. Having an updated home for our Pastor supports our ministry in the community. Please consider contributing to our mission in this way. The total amount donated to this date is **\$69,470.00**. Thank you for your support of this mission.

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP

The Matter at Hand
Survey of Nehemiah

HYMN SONG

Praying and
waiting go
hand in hand.
You haven't
really learned to
pray until you've
learned to wait.
— Charles R. Swindoll



All are welcome to join in on our book study!
Contact the church office to sign up or to order a book.
Books can also be purchased on Amazon.
Dates for Book Study will be as follows right after worship:
TODAY (December 11th), January 8th, February 12th, March 12th
and April 16th

First Lutheran Church "Partners in Ministry"

"Partners in Ministry" is a program that is now available at First Lutheran. We are excited have people who will be making home visits, provide a listening ear, and prayer support to members of First Lutheran Church. The "Partners in Ministry" servants are also willing to bring communion to people who are unable to attend worship. These volunteers are here to serve the greater community of First Lutheran. Are you facing surgery and want prayer? We are here for you. Would you like a friendly visitor to share in your journey of faith and life? We are here for you. Call the church office 825-5837 to find out more information. The people who are willing to serve as your "Partners in Ministry" are:

Nancy Finzen

Carol Johnson

Becky Kaffar

LaDonna Myers

Mavis Pierson

Judy Stubbe

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Do you wish to contribute to the Poinsettia Fund this Christmas? Donations can be given in memory or in honor of your loved ones. These donations will be used to purchase an appropriate number of poinsettias to decorate the church, with the remainder of the funds to go towards other church projects. You may still bring in your own from home – just please make sure to put your name on it so you can take it home after Christmas.

If you would like to order or make a donation, please complete the following information & return this portion to the church office or the offering plates

NO LATER than Sunday, December 18th, 2022

I will bring my own from home (**please bring to the church by Thursday, December 22nd, 2022**)

Here is a contribution to the Poinsettia Fund. Amount: \$ _____
(include payment with this form.)

Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Contribution is: **in memory of** **in honor of**

(Please print clearly)
