

"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.

**1st Sunday of Advent
November 27th, 2022
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

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Members of First Lutheran Church

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Advent Candle/Readers:

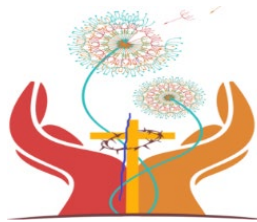
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***Scattering seeds of love,
worship & service***

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn #239: Hark the Glad Sound (vs 1)

(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: #260 – The King Shall Come

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. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hearing God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!
Here ends the first Lesson **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 (please read responsively)

R: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

C: Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

C: to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.

R: For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

R: Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

C: For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

R: Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 24:36-44)

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: #438 – My Lord What a Morning

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 only)

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: #430 – Rejoice For Christ Is King

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 today is sponsored in memory of Frank Lorang by LaVonne Lorang and family.

✠ Continuing Prayer Concerns: Please keep Steve Rops and Tish Kalla (Rops) and their families in your thoughts and prayers on the passing of their son, Justin. 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 (Nov. 27th to Dec. 4th)

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

Tuesday: 12:00pm – Bible Study/Potluck for FLCW

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

Thursday: 1:00pm – Partners In Ministry meeting

Sunday: 9:30am Worship/Holy Communion 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 is currently being collected for: World Hunger

The total amount collected in November for World Hunger is \$103.80.

Thank you for your support of these important Outreach needs.



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).

Do you have some good, gently used toys or coats? First Lutheran has begun collecting toys for the Kiwanis club and coats for Bomgaars. Boxes are available in the Narthex. Toys will need to be brought in BEFORE December 1st for an early December pick-up. Deadline for the coats will be forthcoming.

Don't forget the First Lutheran's **Annual Kaffi-Ti** on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00am – 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex, or you can contact the church office to let us know what goods you would like to bring.

FLCW CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE!!

Tickets are on sale for the BEAUTIFUL Christmas quilt that is on display in the Narthex!!!
\$2 per ticket; 3 for \$5.00 OR 6 for \$10.00. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of Kaffi-Ti on December 11th.
GET A TICKET - YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!!

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!!

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

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

HELP WANTED!!! We are looking for a Treasurer for First Lutheran Church. Knowledge of QuickBooks would be beneficial. Please contact the church office or Nancy Johnson if interested.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2022

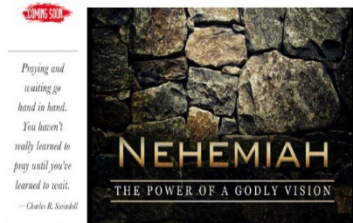
All members should have received an email or a letter in the mail regarding log-in information as well as how to get your picture and family information updated in the online church directory. Information is also available on our website so make sure to check that out. We would love to have everyone's 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 **\$69,370.00**. *Thank you for your support of this mission.*

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK: TIMELESS LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP
The Matter at Hand
Survey of Nehemiah



***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:
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)
