SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Christ the King

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel in Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

Hymns and liturgy are in the BLUE hymnal unless noted otherwise.
**** Indicates to stand if you are able.***

GATHERING

Prelude & Bell
Welcome & Announcements
Confession & Forgiveness pg. 10
* Opening Hymn: *"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"* #779
Greeting | Hymn of Praise pg. 29
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
* Gospel Acclamation pg.31
* Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46
Children's Message
Message
Hymn of the Day: *"Soon and Very Soon"*#744
Statement of Faith: The Apostles' Creed pg. 33
Prayers of the Church: *God, in your mercy,* hear our prayer.

MEAL

Sharing the Peace
Offering *"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"* pg. 35
Offertory Prayer
The Great Thanksgiving | *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* pg. 36
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Distribution
Communion Hymn: *"Jesus, Remember Me"* #740 *(sing 3x)*
Post Communion Canticle pg. 40
Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Blessing
* Sending Hymn: *"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"* #801
Dismissal

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Julie Monroe's sister for healing, Al Watson, Jim Thraen, those who serve in the military, families or victims of war, those affected by natural disasters, and those in nursing homes or are homebound.

Shelly's mother, Julie, for healing after surgery.
Luke Van Horn's friend's mom.
Paul Hansen (Griffin's Daycare Provider's Spouse) for strength and healing as he goes through cancer treatment.
Grandnephew of Pam Gades for ongoing medical issues, and Pam's brother, Bruce for prayers on recovery from his surgery.
Nevaeh Marshall: for strength and peace.
People of Israel and Palestine: for peace and protection from violence.
People of Ukraine: for peace and safety.
People of Venezuela: for strength in the aftermath of the earthquakes.
People of Iran: for peace and safety.

Please notify the office if/when you would like a prayer request added or your prayer request removed.

WORSHIP SERVANTS at FIRST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Ushers: *Bob Heck, Doug & Sharon Ehlers*
Lector: *Allyn Plattner* Nursery: *Pam Wiese*
Acolytes: *Zoe Krosch & Wes Odello*
Communion Prep: *Judy Buro*
Communion Server: *Millie Tschetter*
Video: *Mike Odello* TV slides: *Brenna Jergenson*
Accompanist: *Suzanne Smith*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Ushers: *Al Harris, Ward Voorhees, Lindy Ekola*
Lector: *Vicki Dalager* Nursery: *Jone Anderson*
Acolytes: *Zachary & Braeden Huebner*
Video: *Dave Jungst* TV slides: *Abigail Anderson*
Accompanist: *Suzanne Smith*

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welcome

TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026
8:30-9:15am: Sunday school
9:30am: Worship at FIRST; fellowship/coffee hour following

Monday, November 23
no events scheduled

Tuesday, November 24
11:00am: Pastors' Text Study
6:30pm: Thanksgiving Worship at FEDERATED

Wednesday, November 25
no events scheduled

Thursday, November 26
no events scheduled – offices closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27
no events scheduled – offices closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 28
8:00am: Men's Bible Study at FAITH

Sunday, November 29
9:30am: Worship at FIRST with fellowship following
no Sunday school

ANNOUNCEMENTS for FIRST and FEDERATED

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Tuesday, November 24: 6:30pm at FEDERATED for a Thanksgiving Service
- Sunday, November 29: 9:30am at FIRST with fellowship following; there will be no Sunday school

TODAY! ThankOffering Collection Money from this collection goes to support the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA. We will collect the offerings at church TODAY! or they can be dropped off at the church office.

Fusion & Element will not meet on *Wednesday, November 25*

Pastoral Needs Pastor Matt will be with family for the Thanksgiving holiday from Wed., November 25 through Sat., November 28. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, Pastor Chris Richards can be contacted at 320-297-1602.

Church Offices Closed both church offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov 26 and Friday, Nov 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Decorating for Christmas *Friday, November 27 starting at 10:00am*. Help us transform our church for the Christmas Season. We are looking for some extra helping hands to set up trees, hang the lights and make the sanctuary shine! All are welcome…come for an hour or stay the whole time.

Advent at the Movies Join us on *Sunday November 29* right after worship at First Lutheran for a showing on the family-friendly movie *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in the Theatre Room. The movie will correspond with Pastor Matt's sermon that Sunday; he is doing an "Advent at the Movies" sermon series this Advent. We'll have popcorn buffet and you're invited to bring a topping to share; such as M&M's, peanuts, etc. Everyone is welcome to this all age event.

November Food Drive During the month of November, First and Federated will hold a food drive in support of the Stevens County Food Shelf. Donations can be dropped off at either church. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please make your check payable to the church and write 'Food Shelf' in the memo line.

Midweek Advent Worship will be held at FIRST on *Wednesdays, December 2, 9 & 16 at 6:00pm*. A soup supper will be served prior to worship from 5:00-5:45pm. Sign-up sheet for the soup suppers located in the Narthex at First.

Please Note Sunday school Schedule Change on Sunday, *December 6,* Sunday school at Federated will beheld on 8:30am to practice for the Christmas Program. There will still be arts and crafts after the Children's Message on those Sundays as well.

Holiday Tea Federated Women's Fellowship will have the annual Holiday Tea event on *December 9th from 2:00-4:00pm*. This is a wonderful fundraiser for the missions that Women's Fellowship supports each year. Everyone is welcome!

Poinsettia Orders: Federated will have poinsettias for sale to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season. We will have them at the altar on December 6. Please turn in your order form by November 25 or earlier to the church office.

First also has poinsettia order form available in the church Narthex. Cost is $15 and orders need to be turned in by Sunday, December 13.

Corn for Christ and Lattes for the Lord Fusion Fundraiser: Farmers, donating just one 1⁄2-acre row of corn($4.25 rate) is a $112 gift. Eight rows can provide $996. Coffee drinkers – One month of buying for yourselfand another for the Lord can provide a gift of $125. Any amount is a huge blessing. Just drop a check off atyour home church with "Fusion Fundraiser" in the memo line. THANK YOU!

LCM Sunday Table Meals Support the LCM Sunday meals by using this link: ummicm.org/support/lcm

Bible Camp Scholarships Available Luther Crest Bible Camp Early Bird registration for the 2027 camping year begins on November 1st. First Lutheran has a scholarship fund which is available to youth and families from our congregation who would like to attend Bible Camp. We will provide up to $250 for each individual youth who would like to go to camp. If you are interested, please let Rita know at the church office or contact a member of church council.

Joint Choir Practice at FEDERATED meets each Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Olivewood Carvings for Sale Carvings are available throughout the year by calling the church office or contacting a committee member. Items located in the glass case of the Gathering Room (upper level) are available. Payment options are: Venmo, cash, or a check payable to The Olivewood Project.

Pastor Matt at Common Cup on *Thursdays from 11:00am-1:00pm.* Come by for a cup of coffee or just to say hello.

TODAY!! Kongsvinger Fall Festival on *Sunday, November 22 from 11:00am – 1:00pm.*(3 miles north of Donnelly on County Road 9) Menu includes: grilled pork chop, baked potato, candied carrots, salads, dessert, rolls, pickles, coffee and milk. Cost: $15 adults, $7 children ages 10 and under. A quilt raffle and bake sale will also take place featuring homemade lefse, holiday items and Scandinavian goodies. All are welcome!

Pastoral Visits If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office. Hospital and nursing home staff cannot contact the church without permission.

Federated Office Hours: Haley is available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday by phone or email from 9am-12pm; with in office days on Tuesday 8:30am-3pm and Friday 8:30am-12pm.

First Office Hours : Rita's hours are Monday through Thursday from 8am to 4pm by phone, text or email; in office days on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9am-11:30am.