

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

GATHERING

** indicates to stand if able*

- Prelude
- Welcome & Announcements
- * Confession & Forgiveness pg. 94 (red)
- * Gathering Hymn: *"Rise, Shine, You People"* #665
- * Greeting | *"This is the Feast"* pg. 140
- * Prayer of the Day

WORD

- First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12
- Psalm 112:1-10
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
- * Gospel Acclamation pg. 142
- * Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20
- Children's Message
- Message
- Hymn of the Day: *"Christ, Be Our Light"* #715
- * Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed pg. 105
- * Prayers of the Church: *Merciful God, receive our prayer.*
- * Sharing the Peace

MEAL

- Offering | * *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"* #184
- The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144
- Words of Institution
- * The Lord's Prayer
- Communion Distribution *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"* #712
- * Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

- * Blessing
- * Sending Hymn: *"We Are Marching in the Light"* #866
- Dismissal

Hymns and liturgy are located in the red hymnal unless noted otherwise.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sister of Julie Monroe, Dorwin Tschetter, Al Watson, Jim Thraen, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First's Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for **TODAY** following the worship service. It is important that we meet the quorum this morning to approve the 2026 budget, and elect new council members along with various delegates and board members.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, February 15 at FEDERATED: 9:30am worship with fellowship following. Sunday school held after the Children's Message.
- Sunday, February 22 at FIRST: 8:30am Sunday school, 9:30am worship with fellowship following.

Valentine's Party all are invited to a Valetine's Party on Thursday, February 12 from 2:00-4:00pm in the church's fellowship hall (handicap accessible). Coffee and treats will be served. Guest speakers will be Pastor Matt "getting to know me" and Sharon Ehlers & Emilie Brustuen "expanding our walls." Invite your friends and neighbors....all are welcome! FREE rides to and from church are available by calling the Morris Transit at 320-589-1000.

Thrivent Water Filter Build Please note the change of date! We will be assembling water filters during coffee hour on Sunday, February 22. All materials and instructions for assembly will be provided. Please join us! Each filter provides clean water to 12 people for 10 years

Stevens County Food Shelf Drive from now until Sunday, March 29 food shelf items, along with monetary donations will be taken. Items such as shelf-stable foods, personal hygiene items, or household items can be dropped off in the church Narthex. Monetary donations can be given directly to the church office.

Element (*grades 6-8*) and **Fusion** (*grades 9-12*)

Element meets on Wed., February 11 from 6:30-8:00pm at FIRST
Fusion meets on Wed., February 11 from 6:30-8:00pm at FAITH

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

- Ash Wednesday, February 18 at FEDERATED at 6:30pm
- Wednesdays, February 25, March 11, March 25 at FIRST at 6:30pm
- Wednesdays, March 4, March 11 at FEDERATED at 6:30pm

More details in our February newsletter!

WORSHIP SERVANTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8:

Ushers: Dick Smith, Burnett Family **Lector:** Shana Ulrich
Acolytes: Gage & Wyatt Schultz **Nursery:** Pam Wiese
Communion Prep: Laurie Feuchtenberger
Communion Server: Vicki Dalager
Video: Dave Jungst **TV slides:** Braydon Carlson
Accompanist: Deb Mahoney

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15: WORSHIP AT FEDERATED CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

Ushers: Steve Just, Fynboh family **Nursery:** Michelle Just
Lector: LeAnn Dean
Acolytes: Zoe Krosch & Lilly Nesvig **Communion Server:** Millie Tschetter
Communion Prep: Judy Buro **TV slides:** Owen Nesvig
Video: Mike Odello
Accompanist: Jennie Odello

Thank you to Rev. Dee Pederson, Bishop of the ELCA Southwestern Minnesota Synod, for leading us in worship this morning.

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welcome

TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

TODAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion at FIRST

10:30am: Annual Meeting

Monday, February 9

no events scheduled

Tuesday, February 10

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

7:00pm: Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

5:30pm: Fusion Summer Trip Info Meeting at FAITH

6:30-8:00pm: Element at FIRST

6:30-8:00pm: Fusion at FAITH

7:00pm: Joint Choir at FEDERATED

Thursday, February 12

9:00am-12:00pm: Share & Care (quilting group)

2:00-4:00pm: Valentine's Party (fellowship hall)

Friday, February 13

7:15-8:00am: Fusion Breakfast (*Morris & Hancock*)

Saturday, February 14

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at FAITH

Sunday, February 15

9:30am: Worship at FEDERATED with fellowship following
Sunday school held following the Children's Message