

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

GATHERING

** indicates to stand if able*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness pg. 10 (red)

* Gathering Hymn: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" #660

* Greeting | "Glory to God" pg. 29

* Prayer of the Day

Installation of Church Council

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

* Gospel Acclamation pg. 31 (*Lent version*)

* Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day: "The Glory of These Forty Days" #657

* Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed pg. 32

* Prayers of the Church: *Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

MEAL

* Sharing the Peace

Offering | * "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" pg.35

The Great Thanksgiving | "Holy, Holy, Holy" pg. 36

Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution "Thy Holy Wings" #741

* Post Communion Blessing | Canticle pg. 40

SENDING

* Blessing

* Sending Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" #776

Dismissal

Hymns and liturgy are located in the blue 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.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

- Wednesdays, February 25, March 11, March 25 at FIRST at 6:30pm (no meal served)
- Wednesdays, March 4, March 18 at FEDERATED at 6:30pm light meal served at 5:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, March 1 at FEDERATED: 9:30am worship with fellowship following. Sunday school held after the Children's Message.
- Sunday, March 8 at FIRST: 8:30am Sunday school, 9:30am worship with fellowship following.

Fusion Fundraising Soup Supper will be served by the youth this coming Wednesday, February 25 from 5:15-6:15pm at FAITH Lutheran. Stop by before worship and help support our youth!!

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.

Morris Area School Snack Collection will take place during the month of March. A donation box is located in the upper Narthex. The suggested snack list will be in the March newsletter and is posted on the donation box. Deadline to donate is Sunday, March 29.

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

Element does not meet during Lent; classes resume after Easter.

Fusion will meet on Sundays; a schedule will be emailed out.

College of St. Benedict's & St. John's University Choir, under the direction of Brad Miller (former Choir Director at UMM), will be giving a concert of sacred music on Friday, March 6 at 7:00pm at Assumption Catholic Church in Morris. No tickets are required, but there will be a free will offering.

Zipporah Bible Study meets at 2:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us!

Share & Care This group puts quilts together for Lutheran World Relief and meets at 9:00am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. All are welcome to join us. Sewing skills not needed as there are many other tasks to work on.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

Ushers: *Steve Just, Fynboh family*

Nursery: *Michelle Just*

Communion Prep: *Judy Buro*

Video: *Mike Odello*

Accompanist: *Jennie Odello*

Lector: *LeAnn Dean*

Acolytes: *Zoe Krosch & Lilly Nesvig*

Communion Server: *Millie Tschetter*

TV slides: *Owen Nesvig*

SUNDAY, MARCH 1: WORSHIP AT FEDERATED CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 8:

Ushers: *Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe* Lector: *Laurie Feuchtenberger*

Acolytes: *Jacoby Burnett & Lucy Feuchtenberger*

Nursery: *Amy Dougherty*

Communion Prep: *Vicki Dalager*

Video: *Tony Feuchtenberger*

Communion Server: *Ward Voorhees*

TV slides: *Brayden Carlson*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11:

Ushers: *Steve & Michelle Just*

Acolytes: *Ashley Williamson & Abram Suess*

Nursery: *Vicki Dalager*

Video: *Mike Odello*

TV slides: *Zoe Krosch*

welcome

TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

TODAY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion at FIRST
with fellowship following

Monday, February 23

no events scheduled

Tuesday, February 24

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, February 25

5:15-6:15pm: Soup Supper served by Fusion Youth
at FAITH. Come support our youth!

6:30pm: Midweek Lenten Worship at FIRST

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

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

Saturday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 1

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

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