

Sunday, February 4, 2024 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service. Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Hymns and liturgy are located in the Red Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering * indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 94**

* "Gather Us In" **#532**

* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 138**

* Hymn of Praise **pg. 139**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31 (page 627 OT in pew Bible)

Psalm 147:1-11 (on screen)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (page 151 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142**

* Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 (page 30 NT in pew Bible)

*(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)*

*(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)*

Message

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #773

* Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed **pg. 105**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Meal

* Offering/Offertory "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **#188**

* The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 144**

* "Holy, Holy, Holy" **pg. 144**

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings" **#787**

Communion Distribution: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Just ask the server.*

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

"Jesus, We Are Gathered" #529

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Family and friends of J. Allan Anderson, Ray Johnson, Rochelle Anderson, Anita Stoker, Mick Rose, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

upcoming events and announcements

Annual Meeting First Lutheran's Annual Meeting will be held TODAY following the worship service. Be sure to attend this important meeting as we review 2023 and discuss the upcoming 2024 church year. Election of new council members, committee members and delegates will also take place. Grab a cup of coffee and a treat and join us!

Fat Tuesday/Valentine's Party on Tuesday, February 13th from 2:00-4:00pm in the fellowship hall. Are you ready to party? Then join us for games, music, food and fellowship!! Everyone is invited..bring your family and friends. FREE Transit rides are available for Morris residents.

Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lenten Services 2 Churches...2 Worship Times. 12:05pm worship at First and 6:30pm worship at Faith with a 5:15pm supper. Each Wednesday on February 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20.

Klub Lunch at Common Cup join us on Thursday, February 22 from 11am to 2pm for Potato Klub, Ham, Romme Grot and Lefse. \$12.95 for a 1 klub meal, or \$15.95 for a 2 klub meal. No reservations required.

2024 KMRS Radio Broadcast available dates are: Feb 18, April 14, May 19, June 30, Aug 25, Oct 6, Nov 17 and Dec 24. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.

Help Needed! First Lutheran is in need of worship servants! If you are willing to help serve as an usher/head usher, communion preparer, communion server, nursery attendant or an audio/video tech, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!

Reminder! 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 at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, February 4

Ushers: Steve Just family, Ray Bowman **Lector:** Bob Dalager
Nursery: Robi Bowman **Acolyte:** Grant Anderson & Owen Anderson
Communion: Vicki Dalager
Comm Servers: Judy Buro, Bob Dalager, Sharon Ehlers
Video: Steve Wagner **TV Slides:** Mackenzie Just

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, February 11

Ushers: Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe
Lector: Denise Odello **Nursery:** Jone Anderson
Acolyte: Jennie Odello & Sarah Dougherty
Video: Mike Odello **TV slides:** Wes Odello

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, February 4

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Annual Meeting
(coffee/treats to be served)

Monday, February 5

no events scheduled

Tuesday, February 6

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

6:00pm: Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

11:30am: Lunch Bunch at Old #1

6:00-7:30pm: Element Classes at First

7:00-8:30pm: Sr. Fusion at First

Thursday, February 8

8:30am: Share & Care (quilting group)

Friday, February 9

9:30am: Glacial Ridge Women's WELCA (Gathering Room)

Saturday, February 10

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Sunday, February 11

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship