

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die in with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

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

** indicates to stand if able*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness pg. 10 (blue)

* Gathering Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #731

* Greeting

* Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God" pg. 29

* Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

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

* Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day: "We All Are One in Mission" #755

* Prayers of the Church

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

MEAL

* Sharing the Peace

Offering

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" pg. 35

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving pg. 36

"Holy, Holy, Holy" pg. 36

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution: *All are welcome at the Lord's table. The ushers will direct you to come forward.*

Communion Hymn: "I Am the Bread of Life" #702 (vs 1-4)

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

* Blessing

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

Dismissal

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Voorhees, Micheal Bjorklund, 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.

Family and friends of Ami Woida: *who passed away.*

Argie Manolis: *for healing.*

Family and friends of Donna Christiansen, *who passed away.*

Jessica Forcella's youngest grandson, Nathan: *for healing after surgery.*

Evelyn Lindstrom: *for healing.*

Paul Hansen (*Griffin's Daycare Provider's spouse*) *for strength and healing as he goes through cancer treatment.*

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 and Iran: *for peace and safety.*

WORSHIP SERVANTS at FIRST

SUNDAY, MARCH 22:

Ushers: Al Harris, Doug Ehlers, Lindy Ekola

Lector: Cathy Anderson

Acolytes: Zachary & Braeden Huebner

Communion Prep: Liz Harris

Video: Dave Jungst

Accompanist: Suzanne Smith

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Communion Server: Sharon Ehlers

TV slides: Connor Siegel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25: MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Ushers: Dick Smith, Burnett Family

Acolytes: Gage & Wyatt Schultz

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

Accompanist: Jennie Odello

Nursery: Michelle Just

TV slides: Lucy Feuchtenberger

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29:

Ushers: Dick Smith, Judy Buro, Brian Erdahl

Lector: Steve Just

Acolytes: Kenzi Just & Wes Odello

Communion Prep: Kahla Gillespie

Video: Mike Odello

Accompanist: Jennie Odello

Nursery: Jone Anderson

Communion Server: Emile Brustuen

TV slides: Sawyer Fynboh

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welcome

TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion at FIRST
Congregational meeting and potluck meal
following today's service

Monday, March 23

no events scheduled

Tuesday, March 24

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, March 25

10:00am - 12:00pm: Pastor Matt at Common Cup

6:30pm: Midweek Lenten Worship at FIRST (no meal)

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28

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

9:00am - 12:00pm: This n' That Sale at FEDERATED

Palm Sunday, March 29

No Sunday school

9:30am: Worship at FIRST

10:30-11:15am Brunch served in fellowship hall

** Snack collection and Food Shelf collection deadline

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FIRST and FEDERATED

Congregational Meeting & Potluck please stay after today's service for a discussion on the First & Federated Collaboration Survey results. Following the discussion, we will enjoy Potluck Dinner.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Midweek Lenten, March 25 at FIRST: 6:30pm worship, no meal
- Palm Sunday, March 29 at FIRST: no Sunday, school, 9:30am worship, brunch served from 10:30 - 11:15am
- Maundy Thursday, April 2 at FIRST: 6:30pm
- Good Friday, April 3 at FEDERATED: 6:30pm
- Easter Sunday, April 5: 8:30am Breakfast at FEDERATED | 9:30am Worship at FEDERATED | 11:00am Worship at FIRST

Pastor Matt at Common Cup on Wednesdays from 10am-12pm. Come by for a cup of coffee or just to say hello.

This 'N' That Sale will be March 28, 2026, from 9am to Noon at Federated. This is a major fundraiser for Mission projects of the Women's Fellowship. There is an opportunity for everyone to get involved: 1) Handmade items such as dish towels, dishcloths, and specialty quilts for the craft sale, 2) Items are needed for the silent auction, 3) Divide up those extra plants and get them growing for the plant sale, 5) Plan to make specialty breads or cookies for the bake sale, 6) clean out your cabinets and closets for the rummage sale. Combined Congregational Meeting & Potluck Dinner: We will meet after the worship service at First Lutheran on Sunday, March 22nd to discuss the Federated & First Collaboration Survey Results. Following the discussion, we will enjoy Potluck Dinner. Please bring a dish to share.

NEXT SUNDAY! Palm Sunday Brunch on March 29 serving from 10:30-11:15am at FIRST. On the menu: egg bake, muffins, orange slices, coffee and milk. Suggested donation of \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids with proceeds going to the Music Scholarship Fund.

Morris Area School Snack Collection will take place during the month of March. A donation box is located in the upper Narthex at FIRST. 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. Please attend the Wednesday night services. Fusion will meet on Fridays for Breakfast & Bible.

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

First Office Hours: Rita is available Monday through Thursday from 8am to 4pm by phone, text or email; with in office days on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9am-12pm.

Zipporah Bible Study meets at 2:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall at FIRST. 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 in the sewing room at FIRST. All are welcome to join us. Sewing skills not needed as there are many other tasks to work on.

Nursery Available Our nursery room is staffed during worship and is located next to the church offices. Nursery room volunteers look forward to entertaining your little ones, but you are welcome to stay with your child if you prefer. The nursery room is equipped with an audio speaker that will allow you to hear what is happening during the worship service.

FEDERATED EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Please fill in your choice of flower and return to Federated Church office by Sunday, March 22nd.

Please make checks payable to Federated Church.
Each is in a 6½" pot wrapped with a bow.

Daffodil (\$24) _____ Tulips (\$24) _____ Hyacinth (\$24) _____

In memory of: _____

Or in honor of: _____

From: _____