

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross; as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

GATHERING

* indicates to stand if able

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness pg. 10 (blue)

* Gathering Hymn: "Listen, God is Calling" #712

* Greeting | "Glory to God" pg. 29

* Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

* Gospel Acclamation pg. 31

* Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #649

* Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed pg. 33

* Prayers of the Church: *Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

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 "We Come to the Hungry Feast" #766

* Post Communion Blessing | Canticle pg. 40 | Prayer

SENDING

* Blessing

* Sending Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #754

Dismissal

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Judy Buro and family on the death of her mother, 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

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, February 1 at FEDERATED: 8:30am Sunday school, 9:30am worship with fellowship following.
- Sunday, February 8 at FIRST: 8:30am Sunday school, 9:30am worship with fellowship following.

TODAY! First's Annual Meeting will be held today following the service. Please pick up an Annual Report in the narthex; one per family please.

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

Element meets on Wed., January 28 from 6:30-8:00pm at FIRST
Fusion meet on Wed., January 28 from 6:30-8:00pm at FAITH

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

Let's Sing! The joint Federated/First choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm at Federated Church. For more information, please contact Alisande at 320-287-1726.

Church Building Hours the church building is be open from 8:00am to 5:00pm. If you need access to the building outside of these hours, please contact the church office.

Coffee/Fellowship Join us in the fellowship hall each Sunday morning following the worship service for coffee and treats. All are welcome! If you able to help serve a coffee hour, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

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.

KMRS Radio Broadcast Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. These worship services are broadcasted Sunday mornings at 11:04am on the KKOK/KMRS radio station (AM 1230 or FM 107.7). Contact the church office for more information or to sponsor a date.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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Belinda Snyder: *for peace on the death of her brother, Scott.*
Donna Christiansen: *for strength and healing.*
Nevaeh Marshall: *for strength and peace.*
People of Israel and Palestine: *for peace and protection from violence.*
People of Ukraine: *for peace and safety.*

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Common Cup: Pastor Matt will be at Common Cup on Wednesday from 10-12. Come by for a cup of coffee or just to say Hi.

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