

WORSHIP SERVANTS at FIRST

SUNDAY, APRIL 12:

Ushers: Al Harris, Amy Dougherty, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Sharon Ehlers

Acolytes: Copper & Lily Nesvig

Communion Prep: Sharon Ehlers

Video: _____

Accompanist: Deb Mahoney

Nursery: Vicki Dalager

Communion Server: Doug Ehlers

TV slides: Owen Nesvig

SUNDAY, APRIL 26:

Ushers: Dick Smith, Brian Erdahl, Fynboh family

Lector: Ward Voorhees

Acolytes: Wyatt & Gage Schultz

Communion Prep: Judy Buro

Video: Dave Jungst

Accompanist: Suzanne Smith

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Communion Server: Emilie Brustuen

TV slides: Aaden Schultz

welcome

TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion at FIRST

Monday, April 13

no events scheduled

Tuesday, April 14

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

7:00pm: Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 16

11:00am - 1:00pm: Pastor Matt at Common Cup

2:00pm: Zipporah Bible Study

Friday, April 17

no events scheduled

Saturday, April 18

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

9:00am: Women's Spring Gathering at FIRST

Sunday, April 19

9:30am: Worship at FEDERATED with fellowship following
(Sunday school during worship)

First Lutheran Church, ELCA

Chosen by Christ - Empowered to Serve

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In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter, the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

*Hymns and liturgy are located in the red hymnal unless noted otherwise.
* indicates to stand if you are able*

GATHERING

Prelude & Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness pg. 94

* Opening Hymn: *"Jesus Shall Reign"* #434

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

* Gospel Acclamation *"Be Not Afraid"* #388

* Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Special Music: Sunday school Bell Choir

Barnyard Noisy Offering

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* #634 (vs 1-4)

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

Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering *(Special Music by the choir during offering)*

The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* #471

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

* Sending Hymn: *"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"* #380 (vs 1-4)

Dismissal

*Thank you to the Sunday school students and the choir
for their gifts of music this morning.*

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 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FIRST and FEDERATED

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, April 19: 9:30am Worship (*Sunday school during service*) with fellowship following
- Sunday, April 26: 8:30am Sunday school | 9:30am Worship at FIRST with fellowship following

Church Collaboration Voting A congregational vote will be taking place to decide whether or not to continue the collaboration between First and Federated. Ballots will be available today at FIRST and on Sunday, April 19 at FEDERATED. If you are unable to be in church to vote on these dates, you can call the church office and request a ballot be mailed to you. You may also vote in person during church office hours between April 13 and April 24. Voting closes on April 24. More details listed in our April newsletter.

Global Barnyard Noisy Offering will be collected today! The collected funds will be used to buy ELCA Good Gifts chosen by the Sunday School class to help families escape the cycle of hunger and poverty.

First Lutheran WELCA will meet TODAY during coffee hour

Pastor Matt at Common Cup on Thursdays from 11:00am-1:00pm.

Come by for a cup of coffee or just to say hello.

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

- Element: Wednesday, April 15 from 6:30-8:00pm.
- Fusion: please check out Fusion's website for a schedule

Women's Glacial Ridge Spring Gathering will be held at First Lutheran on Saturday, April 18 with registration beginning at 9:00am. Registration is \$15 at the door. Featured local musicians are Ken & Linda Hodgson and Lisa Winter. Education by "If Wishes Were Horses" of Morris. Refreshments served at 9:30am. 10:00am free program open to the public.

One Great Hour of Sharing/UMCOR Sunday On Sunday, April 19th, Federated will be taking a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC) and UMCOR (UMC). This offering supports the disaster, refugee and development ministries of the UCC within Wider Church Ministries, and enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief to reach out through worldwide ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. Please make checks payable to Federated and write "OGHS/UMCOR" in the memo line. We will be dividing what is collected on Sunday, April 19th between the UCC & the UMC.

Holy Humor Sunday Holy Humor Sunday is a way of continuing the Easter celebration in creative and hilarious ways. The custom is centuries old, and comes from the idea of some early church theologians that God played a joke on the devil by raising Jesus from

the dead. We will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday on April 19. The theme this year is the story of Noah's Ark. You are invited and encouraged to wear bright colors and have a joke ready to share.

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. Hospital and nursing home staff cannot contact the church without permission.

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 the worship service.