

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declared that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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

** indicates to stand if you are able*

GATHERING

Prelude & Bell

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness pg. 10 (blue)

* Opening Hymn: "Give Me Jesus" #777

Greeting | Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" pg. 29

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

* Gospel Acclamation pg. 31

* Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" #623 (red hymnal)

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

MEAL

Sharing the Peace

Offering: "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" pg. 35

Offertory Prayer

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

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn: "What a Feast of Love" #701

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Canticle pg. 40

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

* Sending Hymn: "We All Are One in Mission" #755

Dismissal

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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.

Shelly's mother, Julie, for healing after surgery.

Luke Van Horn's friend's mom.

Patty Watzke who is dealing with health issues.

Buffy Larrabee for continued healing.

Mike Snyder's father for healing after surgery.

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

Grand-nephew of Pam Gades for ongoing medical issues, and Pam's brother, Bruce for prayers on recovery from his surgery.

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: for strength in the aftermath of the earthquakes.

People of Iran: for peace and safety.

Please notify the office if/when you would like a prayer request added or your prayer request removed.

WORSHIP SERVANTS at FIRST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Ushers: Al Harris, Doug Ehlers, Lindy Ekola

Lector: Lindy Ekola **Nursery:** Pam Wiese

Acolytes: Ashlyn & Aubrey Williamson

Communion Prep: Liz Harris

Communion Server: Sharon Ehlers

Video: Dave Jungst **TV slides:** Kenzi Just

Accompanist: Deb Mahoney

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Vicki Dalager **Nursery:** Robi Bowman

Acolytes: Wyatt & Gage Schultz

Communion Prep: Judy Buro

Communion Server: Millie Tschetter

Video: Dave Jungst **TV slides:** Brayden Carlson

Accompanist: Suzanne Smith

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welcome
TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

9:30am: Worship at FIRST with fellowship/coffee following

5:00-7:00pm: Fellowship, Food and Fun at FIRST

Monday, August 24

no events scheduled

Tuesday, August 25

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, August 26

no events scheduled

Thursday, August 27

no events scheduled

Friday, August 28

no events scheduled

Saturday, August 29

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

Sunday, August 30

9:30am: Outdoor Worship at FEDERATED with fellowship
with Potluck Meal following the service

ANNOUNCEMENTS for FIRST and FEDERATED

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, August 30: 9:30am at FEDERATED outdoor service with potluck following
- Sunday, September 6: 9:30am at FEDERATED with fellowship following

Outdoor Service & Potluck on Sunday, August 30th Federated will have an outdoor service with a potluck following. There service will be held on the front lawn on the church. Weather permitting.



Out of Office Pastor Matt will be taking some vacation time until Sunday, August 30. If you have a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Chris Richards at 320-297-1602

Stevens County Fair Thank you to all who helped with the shared booth at the fair this year.

Pastor Matt at Common Cup on Thursdays from 11:00am-1:00pm. Come by for a cup of coffee or just to say hello.

School Supplies for LWR When purchasing school supplies, please consider purchasing some extras for the Lutheran World Relief school kits we will be assembling this fall. A complete list of the supplies needed is listed in the August newsletter.

2nd Floor Store at LCM The LCM House is looking for donations of clothing, toiletries, and household essentials for students facing financial challenges or experiencing a Minnesota winter for the first time. A list of items needed is listed in the August newsletter. Drop-off your donations at First or Federated. Please consider helping out!

Feed My Starving Children Monday, August 31 to Wednesday, September 2: Feed My Starving Children will be at the Morris Area Elementary School Cafeteria (151 South Columbia Ave.). This website is where you can donate and/or there is a link to sign up to volunteer: <https://give.fmssc.org/westcentral>. This is a great opportunity to help those in need!

Jenna Howden Bridal Shower Join in celebrating at the Hudson Inn on August 29th from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM. Please RSVP to Kris Howden by August 15th at 320-349-0892. The invitation is on the bulletin board at Federated.

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

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

At the request of congregational leadership, David Clark has been authorized by the synod bishop to preach and preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, August 23, 2026. David is not an ordained pastor. The authorization granted in accord with the ELCA's guiding statement, 'The Use of the Means of Grace', which says, "in witness this sacrament is a celebration of the Church, serving its unity, an ordained minister presides in the service of Holy Communion and proclaims the Great Thanksgiving. Where it is not possible for an extended period of time to provide ordained pastoral leadership, a synod bishop may authorize a properly trained lay person to preside for a specified period of time and in a given location only."