

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the readings from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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: "God is Here!" #719

Greeting

Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" pg. 29

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

* Gospel Acclamation pg. 31

* Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" #660

Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed pg. 33

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 | "Holy, Holy, Holy" pg. 36

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn: "One Bread, One Body" #710

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Canticle pg. 40

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

* Sending Hymn: "The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve" #723

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.

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, SEPTEMBER 27

Ushers: Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe

Lector: Denise Odello **Nursery:** Bobbi Siegel

Acolytes: Zoe Krosch & Lucy Feuchtenberger

Communion Prep: Sharon Ehlers

Communion Server: Doug Ehlers

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger **TV slides:** Connor Siegel

Accompanist: Deb Mahoney

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Ushers: Al Harris, Judy Buro, Amy Dougherty

Lector: LeAnn Dean **Nursery:** Pam Wiese

Acolytes: Cooper & Owen Nesvig

Communion Prep: Liz Harris

Communion Server: Vicki Dalager

Video: Dave Jungst **TV slides:** Lilly Nesvig

Accompanist: Deb Mahoney

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welcome
TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

8:30-9:15am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship at FIRST

10:30am: Pancake coffee hour (proceeds to Fall Dinner)

Monday, September 28

5:30-7:30pm: Free Community Meal held at FIRST

Tuesday, September 29

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, September 30

6:30pm: Element at FIRST

6:30pm: Fusion at FAITH

7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal at FEDERATED

Thursday, October 1

no events schedule

Friday, October 2

no events scheduled

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

9:30am: Worship at FEDERATED with fellowship following
Sunday school held during worship service

ANNOUNCEMENTS for FIRST and FEDERATED

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, October 4: 9:30am at FEDERATED with fellowship following; Sunday school held during worship
- Sunday, October 11: 9:30am at FIRST with fellowship following; Sunday school held from 8:30-9:15am

TODAY! Fall Dinner Pancake Coffee Hour We are serving up gourmet-flavored pancakes, coffee and fellowship on Sunday, September 27 following the worship service. Proceeds from this coffee hour go towards our Annual Fall Dinner. Don't miss it!

Volunteers for Fall Dinner Needed! sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for those able to help with this year's fall dinner!

Lefse Making Day on Saturday, October 31. Please consider helping with our lefse making! Volunteers for preparing the potatoes, mixing, rolling and making the lefse, along with helping during the sales are much appreciated. Want to learn how to make lefse? Then please join us to learn as we will match you with an experienced friend. The sign-up sheets for the dinner are up! Questions? Contact Emilie B.

Morris Community Meal served at First Lutheran on Monday, September 28 from 5:30-7:30pm. If you can help out, please volunteer by signing up through this link. <https://z.umn.edu/SeptCM>

Adopt-a-Highway Clean up: This annual service project on Highway 9 will be conducted on Sunday, October 4 at 11:30am. We will meet at the Stevens County Highway Department garage located at 21157 480th Ave, Morris (just north of McDonald's). Subject to weather conditions.

Fusion & Element: Wed., October 7 at 6:30pm: Element at FIRST; Fusion at FAITH.

Annie at Chanhassen Join Seniors on the Move for a trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theatre on Saturday, November 7! Deadline to sign up is Friday, October 9. Cost is \$80 person. Limited tickets available!

Elder Visit Program Saturday, October 10 at 2:00pm. We will connect with the University of MN-Morris students to assist them with their Elder Visit program. The students will plan an activity, and we will provide fellowship and helping hands. Meet at Common Cup at 12:30pm and have a bite to eat before carpooling to Legacy.

Brown Bag Bible Study begins on Wed., October 14 at 12pm at FIRST. Bring your lunch and your curiosity as we study the parables of Jesus. Please see the October newsletter for more details!

Pancake Breakfast at FEDERATED on Sunday, October 18 starting at 8:00am. Join us for fellowship, delicious pancakes and stay for worship at 9:30am

LCM Sunday Table Meals Support the LCM Sunday meals by using this link: ummicm.org/support/lcm

Joint Choir Practice at FEDERATED meets each Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Sharing, Love & Hope on Thursday, October 29 leaving the church parking lot at 12:30pm. Seniors on the Move will be volunteering at Sharing, Love & Hope in Alexandria. All are welcome!

Blessing Bags Federated WF Mission Project, once again we are packing 10-15 "Blessing Bags" with school supplies and personal items for school age children in Mexico. The bags will be sent in mid-October. Items still need for boys or girls in the following age groups: 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 8-10 years, or 12-14 years old. Socks, underwear, individual wrapped toothbrushes, medium sized toothpaste, soaps, washcloths, small pencil sharpeners, regular pencils. If you would like Jessica Forcell or Judy Johnston to do your shopping for you, \$10-20 is welcomed to get the supplies and cover shipping costs. For questions, please contact Judy at 32-287-1431. A tote will be available to collect donations at Federated Church through September.

Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service on October 15 from 9:50-11:00am. This service will take place online and will be livestreamed and archived. Please contact the church office if you would like to livestream link emailed to you.

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

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

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

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.

Altar Flowers we'd love to have flowers from your garden on our altar on Sundays. Please call or text Kris Howden at 320-349-0892 so we don't double up. Thank you!