SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026

First Sunday in Advent

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable to the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word and life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

Hymns and liturgy are in the RED hymnal unless noted otherwise.
**** Indicates to stand if you are able.***

GATHERING

Prelude & Bell
Welcome & Announcements
Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *"Light One Candle"* #240 *(vs 1)*
Confession & Forgiveness (on screen)
* Opening Hymn: "*Christ Be Our Light"* #715
Greeting
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
* Gospel Acclamation pg.216
* Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37
Children's Message
Message
Hymn of the Day: *"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"* #242
Statement of Faith: The Nicene Creed pg. 104
Prayers of the Church: *God, in your mercy,* receive our prayer.
Sharing the Peace

THANKSGIVING

Offering
Canticle of Thanksgiving pg. 219
Thanksgiving for the Word pg. 220
The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Blessing
* Sending Hymn: *"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding "* #246
Dismissal

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mick Rose, Julie Monroe's sister for healing, 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.

Evelyn Lindstrom for healing.
Llea Anderson for healing.
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.
Pam Gades' 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, NOVEMBER 29
Ushers: *Al Harris, Ward Voorhees, Lindy Ekola*
Lector: *Vicki Dalager* Nursery: *Jone Anderson*
Acolytes: *Zachary & Braeden Huebner*
Video: *Dave Jungst* TV slides: *Abigail Anderson*
Accompanist: *Suzanne Smith*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
Ushers: *Steve Just, Judy Buro, Michael Bjorklund*
Nursery: *Vicki Dalager*
Acolytes: *Mya Krosch & Kenzie Just*
Video: *Mike Odello* TV slides: *Wes Odello*
Accompanist: *Deb Mahoney*

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welcome

TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026
9:30am: Worship at FIRST with fellowship following
no Sunday school

Monday, November 30
no events scheduled

Tuesday, December 1
11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, December 2
11:00am: Lunch Bunch at Pizza Hut
5:00-5:45pm: Soup Supper
6:00pm: Midweek Advent Worship at FIRST
6:30pm: Element at FIRST | Fusion at FAITH

Thursday, December 3
no events scheduled

Friday, December 4
7:15am: Fusion Breakfast at LCM House

Saturday, December 5
8:00am: Men's Bible Study at FAITH

Sunday, December 6
8:30am: S.S. Christmas Program practice at FIRST
9:30am: Worship at FEDERATED with fellowship following
Sunday school during worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS for FIRST and FEDERATED

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, December 6: 9:30am at FEDERATED with fellowship following
- Sunday, December 13: 9:30am at FIRST with fellowship following; 8:30am Sunday school

Fusion & Element *Wednesday, December 2 from 6:30-8pm.* Element at FIRST and Fusion at FAITH.

TODAY! Advent at the Movies Join us right after worship at First Lutheran for a showing on the family-friendly movie *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in the Theatre Room. The movie will correspond with Pastor Matt's sermon that Sunday; he is doing an "Advent at the Movies" sermon series this Advent. We'll have popcorn buffet and you're invited to bring a topping to share; such as M&M's, peanuts, etc. Everyone is welcome to this all age event.

Poinsettia Orders if you would like to order a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary with Christmas, please fill out an order form and return to the church office by Sunday, December 13. Cost is $15 per plant.

Lunch Bunch meets on Wednesday, December 2 at 11:30am at Pizza Hut in Morris. Order off the menu…pay your own way. All are welcome!

Please Note Sunday school Schedule Change on Sunday, *December 6,* there will be a Sunday school Christmas Program practice at FIRST at 8:30am. There will still be arts and crafts after the Children's Message at FEDERATED as well.

Sunday school Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 9:30am at FIRST (8:30am practice for students) with a Hot Cocoa bar and treats following in the fellowship hall.

Corn for Christ and Lattes for the Lord Fusion Fundraiser: Farmers, donating just one 1⁄2-acre row of corn ($4.25 rate) is a $112 gift. Eight rows can provide $996. Coffee drinkers – One month of buying for yourself and another for the Lord can provide a gift of $125. Any amount is a huge blessing. Just drop a check off at your home church with "Fusion Fundraiser" in the memo line. THANK YOU!

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

Bible Camp Scholarships Available Luther Crest Bible Camp Early Bird registration for the 2027 camping year begins on November 1st. First Lutheran has a scholarship fund which is available to youth and families from our congregation who would like to attend Bible Camp. We will provide up to $250 for each individual youth who would like to go to camp. If you are interested, please let Rita know at the church office or contact a member of church council.

Olivewood Carvings for Sale Carvings are available throughout the year by calling the church office or contacting a committee member. Items located in the glass case of the Gathering Room (upper level) are available. Payment options are: Venmo, cash, or a check payable to The Olivewood Project.

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

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: 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-11:30am.

Join us this December as we celebrate the birth of our Savior

- **MIDWEEK ADVENT** at FIRST on Wednesdays, Dec 2, 9, 16
  5:00-5:54pm Soup Supper with Holden Prayer service at 6:00pm
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** at FIRST
  on Sunday, December 13 at 9:30am with a Hot Cocoa bar and treats served following the program
- **BLUE CHRISTMAS** at FEDERATED on Monday, Dec 21 at 6:30pm
- **CHRISTMAS EVE** – December 24
  4:00pm Candlelight service with Holy Communion at FIRST
  7:00pm Candlelight service at FEDERATED
- **FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MEAL** at FIRST on December 25
  serving begins at noon – all are welcome
- **LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE** at FIRST on Sunday, December 27 at 9:30am