

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures on faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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: "Gather Us In" #718

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

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

* Gospel Acclamation pg. 31

* Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Be Thou My Vision" #776

Prayers of the Church: *God of grace, hear 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: "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" #706

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Cantic pg. 40

Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

* Sending Hymn: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" #783

Dismissal

Thank you to "A" Williams for leading us in worship today

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marlene Seip, Cheryl Higgins, 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.

Luke Van Horn's friends mom.

Patty Watzke who is dealing with health issues.

Buffy Larrabee for continued healing.

Mike Snyder's father for healing after surgery.

Jessica Forcella's grandson Nathan, for continued healing.

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, JULY 26:

Ushers: *Al Harris, Dennis & Laurie Feuchtenberger*

Lector: *Laurie Feuchtenberger* **Nursery:** *Amy Dougherty*

Communion Prep: *Judy Buro*

Communion Server: *Ward Voorhees*

Acolytes: *Giana & Lucy Feuchtenberger*

Video: *Tony Feuchtenberger* **TV slides:** *Brayden Carlson*

Accompanist: *Suzanne Smith*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Ushers: *Dick Smith, Judy & Chance Buro*

Lector: *Steve Just* **Nursery:** *Vicki Dalager*

Acolytes: *Zachary & Braeden Huebner*

Communion Prep: *Kahla Gillespie*

Communion Server: *Emilie Brustuen*

Video: *Mike Odello* **TV slides:** *Sawyer Fynboh*

Accompanist:

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welcome
TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

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

6:00pm: Brent Vernon Concert at Federated

Monday, July 27

no events scheduled

Tuesday, July 28

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

Wednesday, July 29

7:00pm: Wednesday Night Alive at Old #1 Southside;

free meal begins at 6:00pm.

Thursday, July 30

no events scheduled

Friday, July 31

no events scheduled

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 2

9:30am: Worship at FEDERATED with fellowship following;

kid's arts & crafts during worship (SON-SHINE service)

ANNOUNCEMENTS for FIRST and FEDERATED

Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Sunday, August 2: 9:30am Worship at FEDERATED, fellowship following
- Sunday, August 9: 9:30am Worship at FIRST, fellowship following

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

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

Arts & Crafts Sundays during the summer months during the Federated worship services, there will be arts and crafts for children after the Children's Message. The theme is "Celebrating God's World."

TONIGHT! Brent Vernon Concert at Federated Church on Sunday, July 26 starting at 6:00pm. It is open to the community, all are welcome – fun for the whole family. His show has a mix of energetic, heartfelt music and storytelling. The concert also includes a visit from Sam, his ventriloquist puppet—a hit with kids of all ages! Visit his website www.brentvernon.com and his Facebook page www.Facebook.com/BrentVernonOnFB.

Wednesday Night Alive: Every week features a free meal at 6:00pm and a speaker at 7:00pm. Kyle Curran will be the speaker on July 29. The event will be at Old #1 Southside. Please see the brochure or flyer for more information.

SON-SHINE Service Sunday, August 2 at Federated. Wear your favorite summer attire at Federated (shorts, flip flops, Hawaiian shirts, sunglasses, sunhats) for this fun, lighthearted service!

Stevens County Fair Booth Federated and First will have a booth at the Stevens County Fair this year! You will have the opportunity to volunteer at the booth beginning with set-up on Wednesday evening (August 12th and running through Sunday, August 16). Shifts will be in two-hour increments Please sign up on the form on the clipboard in the narthex or call/email either office to sign up. Don't miss out on this awesome way to reach out to our community!

New Email address for the Federated Office: Federated is now using a new email address so please email the office at morrisfederatedchurch@gmail.com Emails sent to uccumc@fedtel.net will be forwarded to the new email address.

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.

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!

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!

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.