

Sunday, January 28, 2024 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sense in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over it, freeing us to follow Jesus.

Hymns and liturgy are located in the Blue Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering * indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 10** (blue hymnal)

* "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" **#715**

* Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 28**

* Hymn of Praise **pg. 29**

* Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (page 163 OT in pew Bible)

Psalm 111 (on screen)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (page 150 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation **pg. 31**

* Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 (page 30 NT in pew Bible)

(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)

(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Message

"There is a Balm in Gilead" **#737**

* Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed **pg. 33**

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

* Offering/Offertory "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" **pg. 35**

* Offertory Prayer

* The Lord's Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" **#651**

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Ray Johnson, Rochelle Anderson, Anita Stoker, Mick Rose, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

upcoming events and announcements

Coffee/Fellowship Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and treats following the worship service. All are welcome!

Annual Reports are available in the Narthex. Limit of one per family, please.

Annual Meeting First Lutheran's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 4 following the worship service. Be sure to attend this important meeting as we review 2023 and discuss the upcoming 2024 church year. Election of new council members, committee members and delegates will also take place. Don't miss it!

Free Community Meal hosted by the UMM Office of Community Engagement will be held on Monday, January 29th from 5:30-7:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Morris. Volunteer community members are needed to help prepare on Sunday, Jan. 28th, and with serving and clean up after the meal on Monday. We encourage all to attend this free event filled with delicious, seasonal food! To volunteer, contact UMM Community Engagement at 320-589-6276 or online at: <http://z.umn.edu/JanCM2024>

Offering Envelopes There are still 2024 Envelopes in the Narthex area. If you see ones that can be delivered please do so. Thanks!

Klub Lunch at Common Cup join us on Thursday, February 22 from 11am to 2pm for Potato Klub, Ham, Romme Grot and Lefse. \$12.95 for a 1 klub meal, or \$15.95 for a 2 klub meal. No reservations required.

2024 KMRS Radio Broadcast available dates are: Feb 18, April 14, May 19, June 30, Aug 25, Oct 6, Nov 17 and Dec 24. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.

Help Needed! First Lutheran is in need of worship servants! If you are willing to help serve as an usher/head usher, communion preparer, communion server, nursery attendant or an audio/video tech, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, January 28

Ushers: Al Harris, Doug & Sharon Ehlers, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Sharon Ehlers **Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

Acolyte: Lilly & Owen Nesvig

Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV slides:** Taylor Anderson

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, February 4

Ushers: Steve Just family, Ray Bowman **Lector:** Bob Dalager

Nursery: Robi Bowman **Acolyte:** Grant Anderson & Owen Anderson

Communion: Vicki Dalager

Comm Servers: Judy Buro, Bob Dalager, Sharon Ehlers

Video: Steve Wagner **TV Slides:** Mackenzie Just

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, January 28

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, January 29

5:30-7:30pm Free Community Meal at Faith Lutheran

Tuesday, January 30

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

Wednesday, January 31

6:00-7:30pm: Element Classes at First

7:00-8:30pm: Sr. Fusion at First

Thursday, February 1

no events scheduled

Friday, February 2

no events scheduled

Saturday, February 3

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Sunday, February 4

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am: Annual Meeting

(coffee/treats to be served)