

# SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

*In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.*

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

*\* indicates to stand if able*

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

\* Confession & Forgiveness pg. 94

\* Gathering Hymn: *"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"* #777 (vs 1-4)

\* Greeting

\* *"This is the Feast"* pg. 140

\* Prayer of the Day

### WORD

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

\* Gospel Acclamation pg. 142 (*Lent version*)

\* Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day: *"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"* #335

\* Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed pg. 104

\* Prayers of the Church

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

\* Sharing the Peace

### MEAL

Offering

\* *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"* #184

The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

Words of Institution

\* The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution: *All are welcome at the Lord's table. The ushers will direct you to come forward.*

Communion Hymn: *"Bread of Life from Heaven"* #480

\* Post Communion Prayer

### SENDING

\* Blessing

\* Sending Hymn: *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"* #623

Dismissal

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Family & friends of Jim Overland, Dorwin Tschetter, Al Watson, Jim Thraen, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

Argie Manolis: *for healing*

Nevaeh Marshall: *for strength and peace.*

People of Israel and Palestine: *for peace and protection from violence.*

People of Ukraine: *for peace and safety.*

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8:

Ushers: *Bob Heck, Allen & Julie Monroe*

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

Acolytes: *Jacoby Burnett & Lucy Feuchtenberger*

Communion Prep: *Vicki Dalager*      Communion Server: *Ward Voorhees*

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

Accompanist: *Deb Mahoney*

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11:

Ushers: *Steve, Michelle & Kenzie Just*

Acolytes: *Ashley Williamson & Abram Suess*

Nursery: *Jone Anderson*

Video: *Mike Odello*      TV slides: *Zoe Krosch*

Accompanist: *Deb Mahoney*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15: WORSHIP AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22:

Ushers: *Al Harris, Doug Ehlers, Lindy Ekola*

Lector: *Cathy Anderson*      Nursery: *Pam Wiese*

Acolytes: *Zachary & Braeden Huebner*

Communion Prep: *Liz Harris*      Communion Server: *Sharon Ehlers*

Video: *Dave Jungst*      TV slides: *Connor Siegel*

Accompanist: *Suzanne Smith*

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# welcome

TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

### **TODAY: SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026**

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship with Holy Communion at FIRST  
with fellowship following

### **Monday, March 9**

no events scheduled

### **Tuesday, March 10**

11:00am: Pastors' Text Study

7:00pm: Church Council Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 11**

5:30pm: Fusion Youth Summer Trip Info Meetings at FAITH

6:30pm: Midweek Lenten Worship at FIRST (no meal)

### **Thursday, March 12**

9:00am-12:00pm: Share & Care (quilting group)

### **Friday, March 13**

7:15-8:00am: Fusion Breakfast (*Morris & Hancock*)

### **Saturday, March 14**

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

### **Sunday, March 15**

9:30am: Worship at FEDERATED with fellowship following  
Sunday school held following the Children's Message

## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

- Wednesdays, March 11, March 25 at FIRST at 6:30pm; no meal
- Wednesdays, March 18 at FEDERATED at 6:30pm; light meal served at 5:30pm

### **COMBINED ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(First & Federated)*

#### **Upcoming Worship Schedule**

- Sunday, March 15 at FEDERATED: 9:30am worship with fellowship following. Sunday school held after the Children's Message.
- Sunday, March 22 at FIRST: 8:30am Sunday school, 9:30am worship with fellowship following.

**Congregational Meeting & Potluck** Make plans to join us on Sunday, March 22 at FIRST for a Combined Congregational Meeting & Potluck Dinner! We will meet in the fellowship hall following the worship service to discuss the Federated & First Collaboration Survey results. There will be copies available of the compiled survey results at the meeting for you. If you wish to read the individual copies of the submitted surveys, a copy is available in each church office. Following the discussion, we will enjoy a Potluck Dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share!

**Palm Sunday Brunch** Sunday, March 29 serving from 10:30-11:15am at FIRST. On menu: egg bake, muffins, orange slices, coffee and milk. Suggested donation of \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids with proceeds going towards the Music Scholarship Fund.

**Morris Area School Snack Collection** will take place during the month of March. A donation box is located in the upper Narthex at FIRST. The suggested snack list will be in the March newsletter and is posted on the donation box. Deadline to donate is Sunday, March 29.

**Element** *(grades 6-8)* and **Fusion** *(grades 9-12)*

Element does not meet during Lent; classes resume after Easter.

Fusion will meet on Fridays for Breakfast & Bible

**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!

**Share & Care** This group puts quilts together for Lutheran World Relief and meets at 9:00am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in the sewing room at FIRST. All are welcome to join us. Sewing skills not needed as there are many other tasks to work on.

**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 what is happening during the worship service.