



Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Esther Lutheran Church, ELCA

Making Christ Known Through Faith, Hope, and Love

Introduction:

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

PRELUDE

BELL

WELCOME

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Please stand as you are able

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: God’s promises are sure.

C: **We will go where God sends us.**

P: God has richly blessed us.

C: **We will be a blessing to others.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken" (ELW 566)**

**1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

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***GREETING:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***KYRIE: Congregation sings response (ELW pg. 138)**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE “*This is the Feast*” (ELW pg. 140)**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**2 Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**3 Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: O God,

C: **You are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-9

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation. As they journey, they inaugurate sacrificial worship at every stopping point.

¹The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb. Here ends the first reading.

PSALM: 33:1-12 ~ *Congregation reads the bold*
Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! (Ps. 33:12)

¹Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; praise is fitting for the upright.

²Praise the Lord with the lyre; make music for God with a ten-stringed harp.

³Sing for the Lord | a new song; play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

⁴For your word, O Lord, is right, and faithful are all your works.

⁵You love righteousness and justice; your steadfast love fills the whole earth.

⁶By your word were the heavens made, by the breath of your mouth all the hosts of heaven.

⁷You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and store up the depths of the sea.

⁸Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe.

⁹For God spoke, and it came to pass; God commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰The Lord brings the will of the nations to nothing and thwarts the designs of the peoples.

¹¹Your will, O Lord, stands fast forever, and the designs of your heart from age to age.

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may

rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Here ends the second reading.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *sung* (ELW pg. 142)

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God’s mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his

disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district. The Gospel of the Lord... **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S TIME & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Healer of Our Every Ill*” (ELW 612)

Refrain

**Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.**

Refrain

**Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.**

Refrain

**Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,**

**give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow**

- 3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.**

Refrain

**Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.**

Refrain

**Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Last petition sing "O Lord Hear My Prayer" (ELW 751)

L: Called to be your beloved community, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: God of abundant blessing, your extravagant love for Abraham became blessing for all the earth. Make us instruments of blessing for others, so that all may know your love. Uniting God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make every blade of grass, every drop of dew, and every wisp of wind reminders that your creation is a precious gift, entrusted to our care.
Uniting God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make every conversation in board rooms and government offices, in community halls and household kitchens contribute to the blessings that you intend for all creation. Uniting God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make every medicine, every healer, every prayer warrior, and all who heal, instruments of your divine healing. Bring healing and wholeness to all who need care, especially Jerry, Bruce, Cheryl, Chris, Kristy, Ricky, Larry, Joan, Dennis, Lois, Dale, Bev, Gary, Shirley, Joyce, Allison, Becky, Kim, Cadence, Sara, Marg, Leroy, Karen, Pete, and Margaret. Uniting God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make every hungry belly, every unsheltered head, every sick soul, and every exiled person find love, acceptance, nourishment, housing, and aid.
Uniting God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: With gratitude we remember all the saints who have fulfilled your call to bring blessing to this world. Unite us again with them when all the world is made new. Uniting God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands we place all these things for which we have asked. Hear our prayers and heal our world, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our savior.

**C: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.**

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me. Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

***APOSTLES' CREED: (ELW pg. 105)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PEACE:**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Please be seated

OFFERING

*We thank you for our gifts of time, talent, and treasure that help this congregation,
to continue our ministry together, and to make Christ known in our
communities and the world.*

OFFERING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" vs. 1&3 (ELW 836)

**1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,**

fill us with the light of day.

- 2 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!**

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Please stand as you are able

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Dear God,

C: **You blessed Abraham and Sarah to be a blessing to all that you have created. As children of the covenant, we offer now these gifts for the blessing of the world. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING: sung (ELW pg. 107)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION: sung “Remember Now My Children”**

**The night of His betrayal, our Lord took bread.
He broke it and he blessed it, and then he said,
“My body given for you is what this means,
remember now my children what you have seen.”**

**And then He took the chalice, and raised it high.
“My body broken for you, a full supply...
a covenant, a promise, a cleansing stream.
Remember now, my children, what you have seen.”**

**We share this food together, remembering Christ;
we share a common treasure and know the price
we share it without measure, a gift of love;
we share our life forever, with God above.**

*** THE LORD’S PRAYER:** *spoken*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***EUCCHARISTIC INVITATION:**

P: Jesus who gladly ate with tax collectors and sinners invites one and all to the table of his holy body and blood. Come and dine in the living presence of our loving God.

Please be seated

COMMUNION

The acolytes, ushers, organist and those assisting with communion should come forward at this time and receive around the rail. Following the assistants, we celebrate Holy Communion continuous. The ushers will direct you. We welcome all to the Lord’s Table where we experience the unity that God intends for all people. Gluten-free wafers and apple juice is available.

COMMUNION HYMN: “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (ELW 645)

**1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever**

and our confidence alone.

**2 To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.**

**3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**

**4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!**

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

COMMUNION HYMN: “*We Come to the Hungry Feast*” (ELW 479)

**1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

3 We come to the hungry feast

**hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.**

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Please stand as you are able

***BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

P: Compassionate God,

C: **Through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

***BLESSING:**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✝ one God,

bles, heal, and hold you
today and always.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

***SENDING SONG: “Will You Come and Follow Me” (ELW 798)**

1 **"Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"**

- 2** "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"
- 3** "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?"
- 4** "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"
- 5** Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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***DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace, strengthened by the Word and filled with the Spirit, to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jerry Anderson

Kristy Fyhrie

Larry Sather

Joan Burquest

Dennis Rosenquist

Lois Rosenquist

Ricky Hart

Sara Skoglund

Margaret Wehking

Leroy Olson – father of Becky Arvidson

Cheryl Farber – mother of Melissa Schlosser

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Dale Flemming – father of Laurie Ratajesak

Gary Borst – friend of the Andersons

Shirley Nesges – friend of the Thoms

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Kim Casavan – friend of Mandy Arvidson

Karen Schlosser – mother of Justin Schlosser

Pete Baugh – brother-in-law of Pr. Ken Bowman

Chris Clapshaw – step-brother of Mark Ratajesak

Family and Friends of: Sarah Pomeranz, David Anderson, Katie Jahnke, Colleen Burquest, Doug Tvedt, Alma Robinson, Jerry Pogose, Terry Burns, Wayne Lund, Bruce Carter, Inez Nelson, Gary Willie, Connie Pesta, and Kathy Wilkins

THIS WEEK AT ESTHER

Sunday, June 7th – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Fellowship Before & After Worship

10 am – Worship with Holy Communion led by SAM Jewel Townsend

2 pm – Worship at St. William's

Tuesday, June 9th

6 pm – Gift of Planning Event at Church – **We will be grilling burgers and brats, so please bring a dish to share.**

Wednesday, June 10th

6 pm - Council

Sunday, June 14th – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Fellowship Before & After Worship

10 am – Worship led by Pastor Preston

2 pm – Worship at St. William's

5:30 pm – VBS Starts!

SERVING IN JUNE

Pastor: June 7- SAM Jewel Townsend, June 14- Pr. Dennis Preston, June 21- SAM Jewel Townsend, June 28-Megan Townsend

Organists: Marcia Guenther & Brad Lambrecht

Altar Care: Bev Arvidson

Usher: NEED VOLUNTEER

Acolyte: NEED VOLUNTEER

Lay Reader: Chris Carter

Communion Assistant: Chris Carter

Birthday Card Sender: Elaine Fyhrie

NEWS AND NOTES

Everything in the Sanctuary and entry will need to be moved out on Sunday, July 5th so the new flooring and carpet can be installed. ANY HELP IS APPRECIATED as the pews will need to be moved to the basement.

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for providing food for VBS.

GIFT OF PLANNING EVENT: Join us at Esther on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 pm for an evening of food, fellowship, and thoughtful conversation about planning for the future to provide the ultimate gift to yourself and your loved ones: peace of mind. **We will be grilling burgers and brats, so please bring a dish to share.**

What a Mess! VBS at Esther will be held June 14th -18th starting each evening with supper at 5:30 pm with lessons, music, crafts, and worship from 6-8 pm. Also join us on Thursday June 18th at 5:30 pm for a potluck with a program starting at

6:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! For more information contact the church office at secretary@estherlutheran.net. Be sure to invite friends, grandkids, cousins, and neighbors to join in the fun! **We could also use a few more volunteers for help crafts and activities!**

The Pork Chop Feed is Friday, July 17th 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Faith in Miliona. Sign-up is on the Narthex table for workers and for making pans of bars for the event. There are also flyers available - please take a few and hang up around the community when you are out and about.

Singles Share & Care Day will be Friday, June 19th. This will be a pontoon outing with Gene Ward through Let's Go Fishing. Rides will be offered at 10 am and 1:30 pm. We will meet for lunch at Interlachen Inn at 12:15 pm. There is limited seating on the pontoon so please RSVP as soon as possible. RSVP to Joyce Malmgren 320-815-4132 by June 16th with your name and phone number. All singles are welcome.



Vanco online giving platform is a great way to set up a scheduled giving plan for even when you cannot make it to church. Scan the QR code, go online to estherlutheran.com, go to the tab “ways to support Esther Lutheran Church” and click on the link <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZP4R> or download the app Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Any questions please ask Mandy Arvidson.

We welcome you to join us for Worship by the Water on Sunday, July 12th at 10 am at the home of Rodney Peterson. Please be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on during worship. We invite you to stay for a potluck after worship for a time of food and fellowship. Also, bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Rodney’s address is 13335 County Road 42, Parkers Prairie, MN.

TURN HUNGER INTO HOPE WITH YOUR OWN TWO HANDS. Join us for a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack™ event to provide life changing meals where they’re needed most. We welcome volunteers of all abilities, ages 5 and up to help us pack 101,088 meals!

WHAT: FMSC MobilePack™ events offer volunteers a one-of-a-kind experience. You’ll hand-pack rice, soy, dried vegetables and a nutritionally complete blend of vitamins and minerals into bags which are then sealed, boxed, placed on pallets

and shipped to incredible partners who distribute the food to children who need it around the world.

DATE: June 28-29, 2026

LOCATION: Calvary Church | 605 Douglas St., Alexandria, MN

VOLUNTEER: It's fun to serve alongside people you know! Sign up with your family, coworkers, teammates, or friends. Volunteers of all abilities (ages 5 and up) are welcome, and you do not need to be connected to Calvary to participate. Shifts are 2 hours each.

DONATE: Your generosity makes a huge difference in the lives of thousands of children in need around the world! The total cost for this MobilePack™ event is \$30k. Thanks to a generous donor, the next \$7,500 donated will be matched.

Go to <https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/2606-200ea-alexandria-mn-calvary-church/c774158> to volunteer. Please contact Angie at Calvary at angie@calvaryalex.org or call 320-763-5178 with any questions.

Check out the Esther Calendar on our website to stay up to date on everything happening! Go to estherlutheran.com and click on “Esther Calendar.”

You belong here. We believe that each person has unique gifts, are created in God's image, and is a beloved child of God. We welcome you to join us each week to share in the community of faith at Esther - “Knowing Christ - making Christ known through faith, hope and love”. If you would like to become a member of Esther, please contact Mandy in the church office at 218-338-2171 or secretary@estherlutheran.net or Jewel Townsend at 320-760-2503 or jewellht17@gmail.com.

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