

Preparation for Worship:

Tomorrow is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lord. As I worship today, help me see specific ways in which you call me to better serve and love others.

Please stand as you are able **Bold Items read in unison*

GATHERING We come together to worship God

Welcome and Announcements
Invocation/Call to Worship: **For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.** (Titus 2:11)

Opening Prayer
* Opening Hymn – *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Red #57

Confession of Sin: **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ’s sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Response: (sung,#397): **My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day, Be wholly Thine.**

Declaration of Grace
Prayers of the Church (P: Lord in Your mercy C: **Hear our prayer.**)

WORD – We seek guidance from God’s Word

Jonah 3:1-10	Old Testament
Psalms 62	Responsive Reading
1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Epistle

* Confession of Faith (Luther’s Meaning to Third Article of Apostle’s Creed):
I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ , my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; in like manner as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in this Christian Church He daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.

* Gloria Patri: (sung, p. 4) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*Offertory (sung, p. 33 for melody) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation: and uphold me with Your free Spirit.**

Children’s Sermon
Hymn of the Day – *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Red #44
* Mark 1:14-20 * Gospel
Sermon – *When Jesus Calls* Pastor Barry Nelson

SENDING We go out to live in & share God’s Word

* Closing Hymn – *I Love to Tell the Story* Red #304
* Lord’s Prayer: **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.**
* Benediction & Doxology: (sung, p. 24 for melody) **Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**
* Dismissal L: Go in Peace, and Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Ponder the gifts of Epiphany with these two reflections, written centuries apart:

Your light, dear God, surpasses all other light, because all light comes from you. Your fire surpasses all fire, because your fire alone burns without destroying. The flames of your fire reach into the soul, consuming the sin and selfishness that lie there. But far from damaging the soul, your fire sets it ablaze with love. What moved you to enlighten me with your truth? The fire of your love was the reason. You loved me so much that you could not bear to see me confused and perplexed. Can I ever repay the burning love which you have given me? No, because I have nothing of my own to give. Yet you assure me that the love which you put into my soul is repayment enough. You desire only the joy of seeing me receiving your gift. What more perfect Father could there be!
—Catherine of Siena (c. 1347-1380)

Epiphany beckons us to come to the light of Jesus Christ. Epiphany calls us to stare into that light until our inner darkness is fully expunged. Epiphany then sends us out into a dark and weary world as women and men with shining faces, until we say with the apostle Paul, “It is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” [see 2 Corinthians 4:6].—Jason Gaboury, campus minister in New York City

This Week in the Parish - January 14 - 21

Today! 11:45 am Meal after service at Hope
12:45 pm Hope Annual Meeting
SUNDAY 9:00 am First American Worship with Noisy Offering for
Russell & Sarah Neugebauer
9:30 am Hope Sunday School
10:00 am First American Sunday School
10:45 am Hope Worship
1:30 pm First American Annual Meeting
MON the 22nd Newsletter Deadline!

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – January 7, 2024

First American: General—\$2316. Benevolence—\$52. AFLC Seminary—\$50.
Sunday School—\$16. Budget per Sunday—\$1662.

Welcome to worship, Welcome. We worship as we live — in the name, and under the guidance, of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



Go Tell It on the Mountain was selected by Leah Dewald. She writes, “I know it by heart, and it was one of the first songs I learned. It reminds me that there will be challenges in life.”

Our time of prayer during our corporate worship service is very important. To maintain a current prayer list, requests for non-members will be printed in the bulletin for three weeks. For additional time, please send an update to Pastor Barry. New additions will be underlined, and those scheduled to come off the next week will be in italics.

Health Needs of our Members: Raymond Anderson. Sandy Baier. Wayne Bietz. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston.

Health Needs: Cathy (sister-in-law of a friend of Joelyn Orchard).

Birthdays: 14 Darin Ziegler. 15 Lorene Jerke.

AFLC Churches: Mission Lutheran, Swink, CO; Good Shepherd Free Lutheran, Brainerd, MN; Stillwater Free Lutheran, Kalispell, MT.

Mission: Nate & Rhoda Jore, AFLC missionaries on furlough from Uganda

Our members in Care Centers: Avera Bormann Manor in Parkston: Elmer Bietz
Avera Weskota Manor in Wessington Springs: Lorene Jerke
Freeman Mennonite Assisted Living: Dorothy Friman
Good Samaritan Society-Scotland: Rose Prien
Menno-Olivet Care Center: Elvera Friederich



Lorene Jerke, member of Hope, will be celebrating her **103rd birthday** on January 15. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 608 1st Street NE, Wessington Springs, SD 57328

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Today's Readings

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Old Testament

Jonah 3:1-10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” ³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ⁶When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.” ¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Psalm 62

¹ Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

² **Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

³ How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down—
this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

⁴ **Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place;
they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless,
but in their hearts they curse.**

⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

⁶ **Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

⁸ **Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.**

⁹ Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.

¹⁰ **Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods;
though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

¹¹ One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard:

“Power belongs to you, God,

¹² **and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;**

and, “You reward everyone according to what they have done.”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

¹⁷ Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. ¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts. ²⁰ Each person should remain in the situation they were in when God called them. ²¹ Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so. ²² For the one who was a slave when called to faith in the Lord is the Lord's freed person; similarly, the one who was free when called is Christ's slave. ²³ You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings. ²⁴ Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” ¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:14-20

“When Jesus Calls”

January 14, 2024



Hope Annual Meeting

Rescheduled for Jan. 28th

Meal following the service with meeting starting at 12:45 p.m.

First American Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 21

1:30pm

1. Calls Us to Repent

2. Calls Us to Believe

3. Calls Us to Follow

The following positions are up for election at our respective Annual Meetings

At Hope - Wesley Will (Trustee) and Mike Fechner (Treasurer) are eligible for re-election.

Doug Bitterman (Deacon) and Dave Bitterman (Sunday School Superintendent) have completed two terms and are not eligible for re-election. One Deacon position is currently vacant.

Please direct all nominations to a member of the Nominating Committee (Dale Bitterman, Michelle Kurtz, David Bitterman).

At First American – Kristie Bueber (Sunday School Superintendent) and Charlene Bietz (Financial Secretary) are eligible for re-election.

Bob Just (Deacon) and James Bietz (Trustee) have completed two terms and are not eligible for re-election.

Please contact a council member if you would like to nominate anyone for these positions.

Annual Report items are due. Please submit your report electronically to Becki Hauser at rlwalz@santel.net or Pastor Barry at blnelson1@gmail.com.