

Preparation for Worship:

“Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength” (Isaiah 40:31, NIV).

When I am weak, God, thanks for your promises that give me hope.

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 – *To God Be the Glory* Red **#509**

Communion Exhortation

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.**)

[Hope] Installation of Officers

WORD – We seek guidance from God’s Word

Genesis 28:10-19

Old Testament

Psalms 139:1-10

Responsive Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Epistle

* Confession of Faith (Apostles’ Creed): **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* 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 – *This Is My Father’s World* Red **#191**

* Mark 1:40-45

* Gospel

Sermon – *Troubling Healing* Pastor Barry Nelson

* Closing Hymn – *With God and His Mercy* Red **#240**

MEAL The Table of Our Lord

* 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.**

Holy Communion

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

* Benediction & Doxology: (sung, p. 24 for melody) **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures 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.**

One Hooky Day a Year

On a random Saturday, I threw the to-do list out the window, packed up the kids and headed to the mountains. Because Saturdays are usually for catching up on chores, my sons were surprised by their new, carefree mom. We played, laughed and explored — all with no agenda. I introduced them to the concept of a hooky day.

As a child, my parents allowed me one of those per year. It wasn’t a sick day but a day off, just because. I could take it any time (but not to avoid a test), and I didn’t need to plan ahead. It was okay to wake up one morning and play hooky.

Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV) wisely states, “A merry heart does good, like medicine.” What will you do with an impromptu day off? Will you set your own pace walking through a park? Maybe stop at a restaurant you’ve wanted to try? Whether a fun day off includes spending time alone or with a friend, make the most of it as a God-given gift.

—Janna Firestone

This Week in the Parish - February 4 - 11

WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
	7:30 pm	Hope Council
SATURDAY	8:30 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
SUNDAY	9:00 am	First American Worship
	9:30 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:00 am	First American Sunday School
	10:45 am	Hope Worship

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – January 28, 2024

First American: General—\$1879. Benevolence—\$15. AFLC Bible College—\$25.
Lutherans for Life SESD—\$50. Noisy Offering for Russell & Sarah Neugebauer—\$50.
Sunday School—\$8. Budget per Sunday—\$1742.

Welcome to worship. May God's love be made known to you during your time shared here today. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



This Is My Father's World was selected by Judy Schelske. The author, Rev. Maltbie Babcock, loved taking long walks through the woods. He would often say as he left, "I'm going out to see my Father's world."

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. Sue Neumeister.

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

Birthdays: 4 Charlene Bietz. 5 Drake Johnston.

AFLC Churches: Holmes Ev. Lutheran, Eagle Grove, IA; Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran, Cannon Falls, MN; Bethany Free Lutheran, Abercrombie, ND.

Mission: Jeff & Jane Swanson, AFLC - Alaska Coordinators



**Church
Council**

Installation of 2024 Hope Council Members

DEACONS	Russ Dozark, Doug Gunnare Drew Kurtz, Terri Bitterman
TRUSTEES	Bob Kurtz, Wesley Will
SECRETARY	Barb Dozark
TREASURER	Mike Fechner
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Mary Gunnare
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.	Michelle Kurtz
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Today's Readings

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Old Testament

Genesis 28:10-19

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

Psalms 139:1-10

¹ You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

² **You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ **Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

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

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. ⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

Lessons – February 11, 2024 - Old Testament– Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 50:1-6

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Gospel – Mark 9:2-9

Mark 1:40-45

"Troubling Healing "

February 4, 2024

1. Strong Reaction

2. Striking Response

3. Strange Request



If you would like to be added/removed from the Scripture reading list, please contact either Pastor Barry Nelson or Becki Hauser. Members of First American, if you could respond by Sunday, February 19, that will give us time to update the schedule of volunteers that will be printed for March.

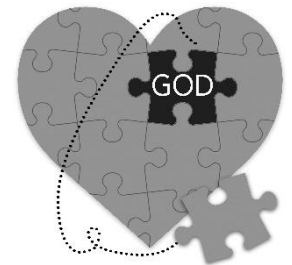


**Joint Service w/ Holy Communion at First American
Wednesday, February 14 at 7:30pm**

God-shaped hole

Have you ever neared the completion of a jigsaw puzzle, only to discover that a piece or two is missing? That's an apt visual for what it's like to live without God. Blaise Pascal, a 17th-century philosopher, observed: "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."

Centuries earlier, St. Augustine proclaimed "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." And in the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes expounded on the meaninglessness of earthly striving and material pursuits. Only God's Spirit can fill our emptiness and satisfy our eternal longings.



"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full," says Jesus in John 10:10 (NIV). He alone provides the solution for emptiness. What comfort to be filled with — and to find our fulfillment in — our Savior!