



**Preparation for Worship:** As Nicodemus did (John 3), I bring all my questions to you, Jesus. Thank you for welcoming me — and my quandaries — always.

*\*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: [Jesus said,] **Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.** (Matthew 11:28-29)

Opening Prayer

\* Hymn of the Day – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* . . . . . Red **#173**

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.**

Kyrie (sung, p. 3): **O God the Fa-ther in heav-en, have mer-cy up-on us! O God the Son, Re-deem-er of the world, have mer-cy up-on us! O God the Ho-ly Ghost, true Com-fort-er, have mer-cy up-on us!**

Declaration of Grace

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

**WORD** – We seek guidance from God's Word

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Old Testament

Psalms 22:23-31

Responsive Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Epistle

\* Confession of Faith (Luther's Meaning - Second Article of Apostles' Creed):

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought me and freed me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil; not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. 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 – *The Love of God* . . . . . Red **#201**

\* Mark 8:27-38

\* Gospel

Sermon – *Reaching a Sinful Generation* . . . . . Pastor Barry Nelson

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

\* Closing Hymn – *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* . . . . . Red **#416**

\* 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.**

### **Take Time to "Examen"**

I'm grateful to live in an area with distinct seasons. Each time of year has unique characteristics that give way to the next. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven," says Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV).

Each change of season also lends itself to examen, a spiritual practice that involves reflection. Typically done daily, examen invites people to recall past events (highlights, struggles, even mundane activities) and consider when they especially sensed God's presence or when he seemed distant.

Try a deeper examen four times a year as the seasons change. As a starting point, use your answers to these questions:

Looking back at the past season, when did I see God at work? What was life-giving to me?

In what areas did I need God to work? What was life-draining?

As I enter this next season, how is God inviting me to engage more with his presence?

—Janna Firestone

**This Week in the Parish - March 10 - 17**

TUESDAY	7:30 pm	Hope WMF – Lesson 2
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper at First American
	7:30 pm	Joint Lenten Worship at First, Del Neumeister
	8:30 pm	First American Council Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	First American Worship with Noisy Offering for Sue Neumeister—medical expenses
	9:30 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:00 am	First American Sunday School
	10:45 am	Hope Worship

**Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – March 3, 2024**

**First American:** General—\$1735. Benevolence—\$40. Nate Jore—\$50. Pastor Scheiermann—\$100. Lenten Offering for All Nations Family Center (Pastors Johnny & Heidi Wade)—\$536. Sunday School—\$13.50. Budget per Sunday—\$1742.

**Welcome!** “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (John 3:16). May you sense that divine love through this time of worship. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* was selected by Sue Neumeister.

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. Dorothy Friman. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Sue Neumeister.

**Health Needs:** Mary Bitterman (wife of Dave Bitterman). *Kendall Simpfenderfer* (brother of Joelyn Orchard).

**Sympathy:** Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Harry Guthmiller (Tripp Community), *Agnes Halverson* (Tripp Community), *Betty Honomichl* (mother of Terri Bitterman) and Rosemary Solis (mother-in-law of Kevin Friederich).

**Birthdays:** 11 Karen Huether. 12 Adriana Bueber. 16 Myra Weber.

**AFLC Churches:** St. Petrie Lutheran, Leland, IL; Zion Lutheran, Dexter, MN; Christ Free Lutheran, Devils Lake, ND.

**Mission:** John & Hannah Lee, AFLC missionaries in Brazil

**Our members in Care Centers:** Avera Bormann Manor in Parkston: Elmer Bietz

Avera Weskota Manor in Wessington Springs: Lorene Jerke

Freeman Oakview Terrace: Dorothy Friman

Good Samaritan Society-Scotland: Rose Prien

Menno-Olivet Care Center: Elvera Friederich.

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## Today's Readings

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

### Old Testament

### Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." <sup>3</sup>Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. <sup>15</sup>God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

### Psalms 22:23-31

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> **For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him—may your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

<sup>28</sup> **for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup> All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.

<sup>30</sup> **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

### Epistle

### Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

### Gospel

### Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" <sup>28</sup>They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." <sup>34</sup>Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup>What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup>If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Lessons – March 17, 2024: Old Testament – Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 119:9-16

Epistle – Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel – Mark 10:32-45



Our Lenten theme this year is entitled, “Witnesses.” Each of our round-robin speakers will focus on a different group of witnesses to the passion of Jesus Christ. Our round-robin series will conclude with our Good Friday service.

### **Lenten Services (7:30 pm):**

#### **The Witness of the Criminals**

Not recorded – Maurice Bueber

#### **The Witnesses of Jesus’ Arrest**

Online at FAHope.org – Travis Fink

#### **The Witnesses of Jesus’ Trial**

Online at FAHope.org – Pastor Barry Nelson

#### **The Witness of the Apostles**

First American: March 13 – Del Neumeister

#### **The Witness of the Soldiers**

Hope: March 20 – Pastor Kevin Czymbor

#### **Maundy Thursday**

First American: March 28 – Pastor Barry Nelson

#### **The Witness of the Religious Leaders**

Hope: March 29 (Good Friday) – Rod Goldammer

### **Lenten Offerings:**

First American – All Nations Family Center on the Rosebud Reservation. This is the ministry served by Johnny and Heidi Wade. Heidi is the daughter of Jan Jerke.

Hope – Southeastern South Dakota Lutherans for Life ultrasound fund which supports the ultrasound ministry of the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls.

### **Lenten Suppers (6-7pm):**

Hope will have a taco supper on March 20<sup>th</sup>. First American will have a soup supper on March 13<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex of each church for volunteers to help with these meals.

## **Mark 8:27-38**

“Reaching a Sinful Generation”

March 10, 2024

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### **1. Must Proclaim the Identity of Jesus Clearly**

### **2. Must Proclaim the Gospel (Good News) Clearly**

### **3. Must Proclaim Christ and Not Ourselves**