



Preparation for Worship:

“Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10, NIV).

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 – *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* Red **#154**

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Old Testament

Psalms 119:9-16

Responsive Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

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 – *The Old Rugged Cross* Red **#78**

* Mark 10:32-45

* Gospel

Sermon – *The Slave of All* Pastor Barry Nelson

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

* Closing Hymn – *Saints of God, the Dawn Is Brightening* Red **#318**

* 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.**

Because Jesus Said So

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. "You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been in a Bible study. You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."

This Week in the Parish - March 17 - 24

TUESDAY	7:30 pm	First American WMF - Lessons 1 & 2
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
	6:00 pm	Taco Supper at Hope
	7:30 pm	Joint Lenten Worship at Hope, Pastor Kevin Czymbor
THURSDAY		Newsletter Deadline!
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 – March 10, 2024

First American: General—\$1375. Benevolence—\$120. Nate Jore—\$160. Noisy Offering Kayla Leininger Mission Trip—\$20. Noisy Offering for Sue Neumeister (medical expenses)—\$15. Sunday School—\$11.50. Budget per Sunday—\$1742.

Welcome! Dear ones, welcome to worship as we gather in Jesus' name as one family in God's embrace. Amen. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



The Old Rugged Cross was selected by Jill Hoff. This is one of her favorite Lenten hymns because even though it is a very popular one, it is also very traditional.

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.

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

Health Needs: Mary Bitterman (wife of Dave Bitterman). Kelly Naslund (First American). Kendall Simpfenderfer (brother of Joelyn Orchard).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of *Harry Guthmiller* (Tripp Community), *Rosemary Solis* (mother-in-law of Kevin Friederich), and Roger Tiede (former member of Hope & First American).

Birthdays: 10-Mya Brock, Dorothy Jerke. 17 Brice Caery. 18 Brayden Ziegler. 19 Steve Permann.

AFLC Churches: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Lincoln, IL; Augustana Lutheran, Duluth, MN; Our Saviour's Lutheran, Dickenson, ND.

Mission: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), Mitchell, SD

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Today's Readings

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Psalms 119:9-16

⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

¹⁰ **I seek you with all my heart;**

do not let me stray from your commands.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

¹² **Praise be to you, LORD;**

teach me your decrees.

¹³ With my lips I recount

all the laws that come from your mouth.

¹⁴ **I rejoice in following your statutes**

as one rejoices in great riches.

¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts

and consider your ways.

¹⁶ **I delight in your decrees;**

I will not neglect your word.

Epistle

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.

⁴ And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.” ⁶ And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷ During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰ and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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

Gospel

Mark 10:32-45

³² They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. ³³ “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴ who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.” ³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” ³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. ³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” ³⁸ “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” ³⁹ “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Lessons – March 24, 2024: Old Testament – Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 118:19-29

Epistle – Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel – Mark 14:1-11



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

Online at FAHope.org – 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 20th. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex of each church for volunteers to help with these meals.

Mark 10: 32-45

“The Slave to All”

March 17, 2024

1. The Story of a Slave

2. The Humility of Our Lord

3. Living for the Glory of the Lord

Saint Patrick's *Prayer of the Faithful*

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us
Against the snares of the evil ones,
Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

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