



Preparation for Worship:

I pray for growth in faith to follow you, Lord, through both cross-like and resurrection-like times in my life.

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

* Opening Hymn – *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Red **#95**

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

Zechariah 9:9-12

Old Testament

Psalms 118:19-29

Responsive Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

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 – *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus* Red **#213**

* Mark 14:1-11

* Gospel

Sermon – *Anointing the King* Pastor Barry Nelson

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

* Hymn of the Day – *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners* Red **#513**

* 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.**

Be the Donkey Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian who helped shelter hundreds of Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, was asked how she stayed humble despite her fame.

"When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?" she replied. "If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor." Jesus told his followers they'd need to carry (or "take up") their cross. But how well do you carry your Savior? How do you bring him into a world that desperately needs the good news of the gospel?



Congratulations to Andrew & Whitney Schaeffer on the birth of their daughter, Darcy Lynn. Darcy was born on Thursday, March 21 and weighed 7 pounds. Proud grandparents are Dennis & Jodi Fuerst.

This Week in the Parish - March 24 - 31

WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
MAUNDY	7:30 pm	Joint Worship at First American – Pastor Barry
THURSDAY		with Holy Communion
GOOD FRIDAY	7:30 pm	Joint Worship at Hope – Rod Goldammer
SUNDAY	9:00 am	First American Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:45 am	Hope Worship with Holy Communion

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – March 17, 2024

First American: General—\$1775. Lenten Offering for All Nations Family Center (Pastors Johnny & Heidi Wade)—\$400. Noisy Offering for Sue Neumeister (medical expenses)—\$146.48. Sunday School—\$11. Budget per Sunday—\$1742.

Welcome to worship this Palm Sunday. As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his love. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners was selected by Shawn Bietz. It was first published with the title, "Our Great Savior," in 1910 by Presbyterian evangelist, John Wilbur Chapman.

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 Simpenderfer (brother of Joelyn Orchard).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Roger Tiede (former member of Hope & First American).

Birthdays: 25 Ryder Wynia. 26 Jodi Fuerst. 27 Norma Mogck. 28 Theresa Faas. 29 Jerry Albrecht. 30 Joelyn Orchard.

AFLC Churches: St. Peter's Lutheran, Melvin, IL; St. John's Free Lutheran, Duluth, MN; St. Paul Lutheran Church of Dodge, Dodge, ND.

Mission: Free Lutheran Seminary (formerly AFLTS) in Plymouth, MN

Prayer for military personnel:

Dalton Fischer: brother of Malorie Walz. Deploying to border in April. Nat. Guard.

Andrew Hanson: Hope member. Stationed in Virginia; Army.

Joshua Hirsch: grandson of Rose Prien. Stationed in Virginia; Army.

Austin Lien: nephew of Glenn & Tammy Ziegler. Stationed in Washington; Navy

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Today's Readings

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Old Testament

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from
Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to
sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;

even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

Psalms 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD**

through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

²² **The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;**

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **The LORD has done it this very day;**

let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.**

From the house of the LORD we bless you.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession

up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will praise you;**

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself

nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel

Mark 14:1-11

Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ² “But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.” ³ While he was in Bethany, reclining at the

table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. ⁴ Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? ⁵ It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.”

And they rebuked her harshly. ⁶ “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” ¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.



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

Online at FAHope.org – 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:

Thank you to everyone who helped to organize, prepare, and serve our Lenten meals this year at Hope and First American!

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” – 1 Peter 4:10

Thank you all for your service!

Mark 14:1-11

“Anointing the King”

March 24, 2024

1. Secret Plot

2. Open Contempt

3. Lasting Praise