

**Preparation for Worship:**

Good Shepherd, in you I have everything I need. Thank you for guiding me along the path of 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: **In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.** (Isaiah 25:9)

Opening Prayer

\* Opening Hymn – *Alleluia! Jesus Lives!* . . . . . Red **#100**

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.**

Declaration of Grace

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

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

Psalm 23                      Responsive Reading

1 John 3:1-3                Epistle

\* Mark 4:1-20              \* Gospel

\* Response (sung): **Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

\* 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 – *Jesus Loves Me* . . . . . Red **#369**

Acts 4:1-12                      New Testament

Sermon – *Bold Witnesses of the Resurrection* . . . . . Pastor Barry Nelson

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

\* Closing Hymn – *For All the Saints* . . . . . Red **#164**

\* 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 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.**

## 95th Birthday

Open House for Rose Prien  
Sunday, April 21 \* 2-4pm  
Good Samaritan Society in Scotland

Your greetings may also be sent to Rose Prien,  
GSS-Scotland, 130 6th Street, Scotland,  
SD 57059. Her 95th birthday is April 21st.



There will be a funeral service for Roy Isaak (former member of First American) at Goglin Funeral Chapel in Tripp on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Roy passed away in Colorado on December 14, 2023. A committal service with military rites will follow at Grace Hill Cemetery in Tripp.

**This Week in the Parish - April 21 - 28**

MONDAY Newsletter Deadline!  
WEDNESDAY 5:00 pm Confirmation at Hope  
SUNDAY 9:00 am First American Worship  
9:30 am Hope Sunday School  
10:15 am First American Sunday School  
10:45 am Hope Worship

**Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – April 7, 2024**

**First American:** General—\$1690. Benevolence—\$75. Noisy Offering for Tripp Fire Department—\$25. The SON Network-Pastor Scheiermann—\$100. Sunday School—\$25. Budget/Sun.—\$1742.

**Welcome!** God sets a table before us and anoints us with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows (see Psalm 23:5; 45:7). Welcome to worship! Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



Blake Andrew Caery will be baptized today at First American. He was born on March 28, 2024, to Brice & Hannah Caery. Sponsors are Steve & Jenna Hale and Jim & Stacy Fousek. "We welcome this new little one into the Lord's family!" *Jesus Loves Me* is our Hymn of the Day in honor of Blake's baptism.

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. Brad Brosz. Allan Hale. Sue Neumeister.

**Health Needs:** Dean Claassen (brother of Jan Jerke). *Jerry Connor* (father of Tammy Bietz). *Waldon Olson* (Pickstown community). Kendall Simpenderfer (brother of Joelyn Orchard).

**Sympathy:** Prayers for the friends and family of Bob Miller (First American). Bob died April 14 at age of 77 years. His funeral will be on Monday at 11:30am at First American Lutheran with committal at Gracehill Cemetery in Tripp.

*We commit Bob to God's glory and everlasting life.*

**Birthdays:** 21 Rose Prien. 23 Idella Bietz.

**AFLC Churches:** St. Olaf Lutheran, Montgomery, IL; Calvary Free Lutheran, Fergus Falls, MN; Hope Lutheran, Enderlin, ND.

**Mission:** Rev. Micah Hjermstad, AFLC President

**Prayer for military personnel:**

Dalton Fischer: brother of Malorie Walz. Deployed to border in April. National 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

**Tripp-Delmont Parish + Association of Free Lutheran Churches**

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# Today's Readings

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,**

<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

**I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## Epistle

### 1 John 3:1-3

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

## Gospel

### Mark 4:1-20

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. <sup>2</sup> He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." <sup>10</sup> When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to

those on the outside everything is said in parables <sup>12</sup> so that, "they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!" <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? <sup>14</sup> The farmer sows the word. <sup>15</sup> Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. <sup>16</sup> Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>18</sup> Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; <sup>19</sup> but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."

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## New Testament

### Acts 4:1-12

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. <sup>2</sup> They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup> They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. <sup>4</sup> But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup> The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

## Acts 4:1-12

"Bold Witnesses of the Resurrection"

April 21, 2024

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### 1. Disturb Earthly Authorities

### 2. Proclaim the Name of Jesus

### 3. Proclaim the Lord's Salvation



Pickerel Lake Lutheran Bible Camp is a summer camp near Grenville, SD, for youth who have finished grades 5-12. Each week is a time to build your relationship with Christ, unite with friends from camp, and make new friends.

#### **Cost: \$75 per student.**

Your online registration needs to be submitted and payment post-marked before June 8th for Senior High week or June 22nd for Junior High week. After those dates, you will not be able to fill out the online form without first contacting the Registrar, Liz McCarlson: [elizabeth.mccarlson@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.mccarlson@gmail.com)

### **Senior High Camp (Finished grades 8-12)** **June 23-28**

Morning Speaker: Dr. Brent Olson (Minneapolis, MN)  
Evening Speaker: Rev. Kirk Thorson (Sioux Falls, SD)

### **Junior High Camp (Finished grades 5-7)** **July 7-12**

Morning Speaker: Rev. Sam Wellumson (E. Grand Forks, MN)  
Evening Speaker: Dr. Jason Gudim (Minneapolis, MN)

For more information or to register online visit:  
<https://pllbc.wordpress.com/>