

Preparation for Worship:

Lent comes from a word that means spring, and spring is “springing” this April morning. May our faith spring up in new life as well, through this time of worship.

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: **Now this I know: The Lord gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.** (Psalm 20:6)

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Red **#63**

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

Psalm 126 Responsive Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14 Epistle

* Luke 20:9-20 * Gospel

* 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 – *Children of the Heavenly Father* Red **#560**

Message – *Being an Intergenerational Church* Daniel Keinanen

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

* Closing Hymn – *For the Beauty of the Earth* Red **#182**

* 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.**



Daniel Keinanen – BeLED Family

A special welcome and thank you today to our guest speaker, Daniel Keinanen, who also let the BeLED Workshop yesterday at First American.

Daniel has been in ministry leadership for 30 years. He served as youth director for his congregation for nearly

20 years and now serves as chairman for the same church. He has served in leadership with his church body’s national youth convention since 2001.

Daniel currently serves with BeLED Family, where his main focus is training churches in intergenerational ministry and equipping parents for lifelong discipleship relationships with their children. Daniel is married with 4 children, ages 16 to 9.

Daniel is also the host of the weekly BeLED Family Podcast. You can search for “BeLED Family” wherever you listen to podcasts, find episode on the website: BeLEDfamily.com, or follow the QR code to the right.



This Week in the Parish - April 6 - 13

TUESDAY	7:30 pm	Hope WMF – Lesson 3
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
	6-7:00 pm	Soup Supper at First American
	7:30 pm	Joint Lenten Worship at First American Leader: Pastor Kevin Czymbor
SATURDAY	8:30 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast at First American
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Hope Worship
	9:30 am	First American Sunday School
	10:00 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:45 am	First Am Worship - Noisy Offering for Dale Brown and Sunday School singing
	7:00 pm	First American Council

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – March 31, 2025

First American: General—\$1670. Benevolence—\$23. Lent for All Nations Family Center—\$200. Sunday School—\$6. Noisy Offering for Dennewitz Cemetery Fence Fund—\$250. Budget per Sunday—\$2023.19. *Dennewitz* - Fund Total: \$5025.05

Welcome! God makes paths through the sea and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:16, 19). Whatever obstacle you face, God will open the way of life for you. Welcome to worship. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



Children of the Heavenly Father was chosen by Charlene Bietz. "This hymn has a beautiful melody and words, and it is an excellent reminder that we are truly God's children."

Prayer in 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 will be in italics.

Health Needs of our Members: Doug Bitterman. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Bob Kurtz. Sue Neumeister. Steve Permann. Kaylene Prusia. Sully Prusia.

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Randy Schelske (Scotland Community). Denise Speigel (sister-in-law of Michelle Kurtz) and *George Verzani* (former Tripp Community).

Birthdays: 7 Michael Schmidt. 8 Dale Bitterman. 11 Karen Froehlich. 12 Rylie Eggebraaten, Michelle Kurtz.

Anniversary: 10 Zachary & Rebecca Fuerst

AFLC Churches: Elim Lutheran, Lake Stevens, WA; Amery Free Lutheran, Amery, WI; Abiding Savior Free Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD.

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Today's Readings

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸ “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. ²⁰ The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, ²¹ the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Psalms 126

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

² **Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev.**

⁵ Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.**

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and

participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel

Luke 20:9-20

⁹ He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time.

¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. ¹³ “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

¹⁴ “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’

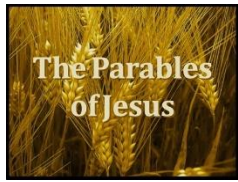
¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. “What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!” ¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” ¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people. ²⁰ Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be sincere. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said, so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor.

** Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. * C: Praise to You, O Christ.*

Lessons – April 13, 2025 OT—Deuteronomy 32:36-39 Psalm 118:19-29

Epistle – Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel – Luke 19:28-44



Our Lenten theme this year is entitled, “The Parables of Jesus.” Each of our round-robin speakers will focus on a different parable of Jesus. Our round-robin series will conclude with our Good Friday service.

Lenten Schedule (7:30pm):

The Parable of the Sower

Darold Bitterman

The Parable of the Foolish Builders

Maurice Bueber

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Pastor Barry Nelson

The Parable of the Great Banquet

Del Neumeister

The Parable of the Minas

First American: April 9 – Pastor Kevin Czymbor

Maundy Thursday - The Parable of the Hidden Things

First American: April 17 – Keith Sprecher

Good Friday - The Parable of the Canceled Debts

Hope: April 18 – Pastor Barry Nelson

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 – Split equally between Southeastern South Dakota Lutherans for Life ultrasound fund (which supports the ultrasound ministry of the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls) and the Douglas County Food Pantry.

Easter Offerings:

First American – Split equally between John Lee, AFLC missionary in Brazil and Life 96.5 radio.



Last Lenten Supper (6-7pm): There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex of First American asking for volunteers to help with preparing and serving the final Lenten Meal on April 9. Needed are: soup, bread, crackers, jams.

“Being an Intergenerational Church”

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April 6, 2025
