

Preparation for Worship: Dear Lord: Enable me to prepare myself for communing with You. Quiet my spirit, direct my thoughts and enable me to grasp the Truth you have for me and my fellow worshippers today.

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: **As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long.** (Psalm 71:14-15)

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn – *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Red **#539**

Communion Exhortation

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.**

Response:(sung,#205, v. 4) **He sent His Son with pow'r to save, From guilt and dark-ness, and the grave: Won-ders of grace to God be-long; Re-peat His mer-cies in your song.**

Declaration of Grace

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

WORD We seek guidance from God's Word

Acts 6:8-11;7:1-2a,51-60 New Testament

Psalm 146: 5-10 Responsive Reading

* John 14:1-7 * 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 for melody) **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**

1 Peter 2:4-10 Epistle

Sermon – *Christ, Our Living Cornerstone.* Pastor Barry

* Hymn – *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Red **#143**

MEAL The Table of Our Lord

* 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.**

Holy Communion

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

* 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. Amen.**

* Dismissal L: Go in Peace, and Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Prayer for Open Hearts and Minds

O Lord, our heavenly Father, in you is the fullness of light and wisdom. We ask that you enlighten our minds through the work of your Holy Spirit. Clear away distraction and doubt, and help us turn our full attention to you.

Give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility. Shape our hearts so we may listen not only with our ears, but with willing spirits, ready to be taught and transformed. Remind us that true understanding does not come from our own insight or effort, but from your truth revealed to us in love.

As we hear and reflect on Scripture today, draw us closer to you. Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust and guide us in the way we should go. May your Word take root within us and bear fruit in our lives, bringing honor to your name.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, through whom all wisdom and grace are given. Amen.

This Week in the Parish - May 3 - 10

WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm Hope Council
THURSDAY National Day of Prayer
SUNDAY Happy Mother's Day!
9:00 am Worship at First American
10:15 am First American Sunday School
10:45 am Worship at Hope

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – April 26, 2026

First American: General—\$3290. Benevolence—\$135. Noisy Offering for the Ambassador—\$150.73. Sunday School—\$12. Budget per Sunday—\$2068.

Welcome, one and all. Let us join in the prayer of the psalmist: “May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. May those who love your salvation say evermore, ‘God is great!’” (Psalm 70:4). It is good that we are here. Let us praise God together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Barry and sign our guest register as you leave.

Prayer in our corporate worship service is very important. To maintain a current prayer list, requests for non-members will be 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: Mike Fechner. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Bob Kurtz. Robert Kurtz. Norma Mogck. Sue Neumeister.

Health Needs: Mike Brezina (Tripp Community). Gary Frank (friend of Mike & Lila Fechner). Richard Jones (father of Melissa Schmidt). Karalin Lyons (cousin of Katy Brock).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family & friends of Marlene Eidsmoe (wife of Col. John Eidsmoe from AFLC) and John Sedlacek (brother-in-law of Myra Weber).

Birthdays: 4 Elmer Bietz, Kristie Bueber, Dylan Mogck. 5 Madison Sterud. 9 Mara Prusia. **Anniversaries:** 4 Kelly & Joelyn Naslund. 8 Glen & Lori Dewald.

AFLC Churches: St. Peter Lutheran, Hawks, MI; Bethesda Lutheran, Mizpah, MN; Valley Free Lutheran, Portland, ND.

Mission: Life 96.5 Radio in Sioux Falls

An A-Plus Answer

Twelve-year-old Daniel was doing his best to test the patience of his mother. He pushed back on every request, and the tension in the room kept rising as he refused to cooperate.

Finally, his mother reached her limit. Looking at him firmly, she said, “Daniel, you have tested me to my limits.”

Without missing a beat, Daniel grinned and replied, “Yes! And you get an A-plus.”

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Today's Readings

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

New Testament

Acts 6:8-11; 7:1-2a, 51-60

⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke. ¹¹ Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God." Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Are these charges true?" ² To this he replied: ⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵² Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— ⁵³ you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it." ⁵⁴ When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Psalm 146:5-10

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.
⁶ **He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.**
⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free,
⁸ **the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.**

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

* Gospel

John 14:1-7

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

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

Epistle

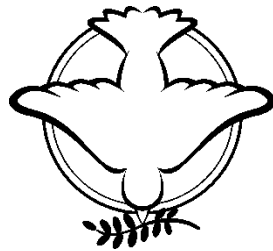
1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lessons – May 10, 2026 Old Testament – Genesis 1:26-28, 2:20b-25, 3:16-20
Proverbs 31:10-17,24-31 Epistle – 1 Thess. 2:7b-12 Gospel – John 14:15-21

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

*Dear friend,
We rejoice that you now desire
to make public profession
of your faith and assume
greater responsibility in the life of
Hope Lutheran Church
and its mission in the world.*



Mya Rose Brock

Daughter of Adam and Katy Brock

Birth date: March 10, 2012

Baptism: April 15, 2012, by Pastor Duane Neugebauer

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Confirmation: May 3, 2026

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Confirmation verse: Matthew 21:22

*“If you believe, you will receive whatever
you ask for in prayer.”*

1 Peter 2:4-10

“Jesus, Our Living Cornerstone”

May 3, 2026

1. Chosen By God

2. Rejected by the World

3. Foundation of Our Salvation