

Preparation for Worship:

Quiet our spirits, O Lord, so that we might focus upon your presence and know that we are properly worshipping you, our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter.
Amen.

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: **Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord. (Psalm 117)**

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn – *God of Our Fathers* Red **#628**

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: (#291, v.4) **Forgive, dear Lord, each fault and stain, And cleanse our hearts from sin; Help us to walk in humble faith, And keep us pure within.**

Declaration of Grace

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

WORD We seek guidance from God's Word

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 Old Testament

Psalm 125 Responsive Reading

* Luke 11:1-10 * Gospel Lesson

* 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 – *Lord of Our Life, and God of Our Salvation* Red **#208**

* Sermon Text: Epistle – 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Sermon – A Nation of Supplication Pastor Barry

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

* Closing Hymn – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Red **#50**

* 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 below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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

Our Awesome God

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship, filling our inner being with a fullness we may never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way for God's transforming power within us. This transformation of our inner attitudes takes place as awe leads us into wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender and obedience before God.

—James Houston, The Transforming Power of Prayer



Church Directory Volunteers: We need volunteers to help plan the creation of an updated church directory. Our last directory was printed in 2013, and we have had a lot of changes since then! If you are interested in serving in any way, please contact Pastor Barry.

This Week in the Parish - July 26 – August 2

SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship at First American with Holy Communion
 10:45 am Worship at Hope with Holy Communion

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – July 19, 2026

First American: General—\$2130.75. Benevolence—\$75. Noisy Offering for Life 96.5 Radio—\$103.73. Budget per Sun—\$2068.

Welcome! We rejoice in your presence as we gather in unity around the throne of grace. Please be sure to introduce yourself 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: Russ Dozark. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Robert Kurtz. Sue Neumeister. Tammy Ziegler. Glendora Zeitner.

Health Needs: Joan Falor (mother of Barb Dozark). Elaine Jones (mother of Melissa Schmidt). Rachel (mother of Trista Friman). Nicole Rude (niece of Tammy Ziegler). Donna Soulek (former Hope member). Jeanette Tiede (sister of Lila Fechner).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family & friends of *Gilbert Weber* (former member of First American).

Birthdays: 29 Reed Caery. 31 Peggy Friederich, Rhett Ziegler. Aug 1 Camden Ziegler.

AFLC Churches: Spencer Creek Lutheran, Eugene, OR; Bethany Free Lutheran, Blue Grass, MN; Faith Lutheran, Fairbury, NE.

Mission: Friedens Reformed Church – 125th Anniversary



Sunday School Volunteers

A Taste of Loving-Kindness A Sunday school teacher once asked her class, “What do you think the Bible means when it speaks of loving-kindness?”

A young boy thought for a moment and replied, “Well, if I were hungry and someone gave me a piece of bread with butter on it, that would be kindness. But if they added a spoonful of jam, that would be loving-kindness.”

If you're interested in volunteering at First American as a Sunday school teacher, assistant or sub, please contact Kristie Bueber.

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Today's Readings

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. ⁷ The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Psalm 125

¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

² **As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.**

³ The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.

⁴ **LORD, do good to those who are good,
to those who are upright in heart.**

⁵ But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers.

Peace be on Israel.

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

Gospel

Luke 11:1-10

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation."

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

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

Sermon Text: Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-4

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.



America 250:

America's ACTS of Prayer

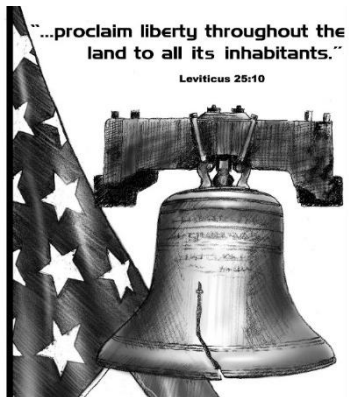
This July 4th marked the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, so for the month of July, our Sunday sermon series is America's ACTS of Prayer. When our Founding Fathers declared independence from Great Britain, they also declared their dependence on the Lord in their prayers and their public calls for prayer. Each week, we will examine a different aspect of those prayers. The best way we can celebrate and honor their heritage of faith and freedom we've been given is to continue to declare our dependence on the Lord in the same way.

Adoration: Psalm 145:1-14 – July 5

Confession: Daniel 9:4-19 – July 12

Thanksgiving: Colossians 3:15-17 – July 19

Supplication: 1 Timothy 2:1-4 – July 26



1 Timothy 2:1-4

"A Nation of Supplication"

July 26, 2026

1. Paul's Call to Prayer

2. President Washington's Prayer

3. Our Lord's Prayer