

Preparation for Worship:

Lord, make us mindful of the joy your grace can be to us.
Grant us the gift of your presence, we pray.

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 – *Love Divine, All Love Excelling* Red **#226**

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

Isaiah 56:1,6-8	Old Testament
Psalms 67	Responsive Reading
Romans 11:1-2a,13-15,28-32	Epistle
* Matthew 15:21-28	* Gospel Lesson

* Confession of Faith (Luther's Meaning - First Article of Apostles' Creed):

I believe that God has created me and all that exists; that He has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, and all my members, my reason and all the powers of my soul, together with food and clothing, home and family, and all my property; that He daily provides abundantly for all the needs of my life, protects me from all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil; and that He does this purely out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all of which I am in duty bound to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

* 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 – *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Red **#190**

FLBC Presentation Taylor Fink

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

* Closing Hymn – *How Firm a Foundation* Red **#262**

* 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.**



Today, we welcome **Taylor Fink**, a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church near Armour and a student at Free Lutheran Bible College, who will share highlights from her experience at the college last year in Plymouth, Minnesota.

Why Me? When we're faced with unexpected hardship, our first impulse is often to ask, "Why me, O God? Why me?"

Yet when a blessing comes our way, we receive it with gratitude and rarely ask the same question: "Why me, O God? Why me?"

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

This Week in the Parish - August 16 - 23

Today! First American Noisy Offering for Seth & Tiffany Horstmann for medical expenses incurred with the birth of their 3rd child

WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm First American WMF – Lesson 8

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

MON 24th Newsletter Deadline!

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – August 9, 2026

First Am: General—\$1345. AFLC World Missions—\$50. Benevolence—\$25. Budget per Sun—\$2068.

Welcome! We come together to "call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise." (Psalm 18:3, NRSV). All are sincerely welcomed to this service of worship and praise. Please be sure to introduce yourself and sign on 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: Maurice Bueber. Russ Dozark. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Robert Kurtz. Sue Neumeister. Tammy Ziegler. Glendora Zeitner.

Health Needs: Pastor Dale Finstrom (former pastor of Pastor Barry). Ramsey Horstmann (daughter of Seth & Tiffany). *Elaine Jones* (mother of Melissa Schmidt). Kari Schoenfish (great-niece of Roger Huether).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family & friends of Colter Roth (newborn son of Scott & Tessa, Parkston community).

Birthdays: 16 Chance Ziegler. 18 Joshua Tegethoff.

Anniversaries: 16 Chris & Vonnie Gall. 17 Willmer & Wilma Herr. 19 Bob & Karen Just. 20 Levi & Kristin Bietz. 21 Wayne & Tammy Bietz.

AFLC Churches: St. Johns of Lovi Ev. Lutheran, Cranberry Township, PA; Landstad Lutheran, Shelvin, MN; St. Peter Lutheran, Armour, SD.

Mission: Free Lutheran Bible College; Plymouth, MN

Prayer for military personnel:

Andrew Hanson: Hope member. Stationed in Kentucky; Army.
Austin Lien: nephew of Glenn & Tammy Ziegler. Stationed in Washington; Navy
Dalton Fischer: brother of Malorie Walz. Stationed in Germany. National Guard.

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Today's Readings

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. ⁶And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” ⁸The Sovereign LORD declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”

Psalms 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—

² **so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.**

³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.**

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.**

⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Lessons – August 23, 2026 OT – Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138

Epistle – Romans 11:33-12:2 Gospel – Matthew 15:29-39

Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ²God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel:

¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry ¹⁴in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

²⁸ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³²For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

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

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ When Jesus left there, he withdrew to the area of Tyre and Sidon.

²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came and kept crying out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely tormented by a demon.” ²³ Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples approached him and urged him, “Send her away because she's crying out after us.” ²⁴ He replied, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came, knelt before him, and said, “Lord, help me!” ²⁶ He answered, “It isn't right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she said, “yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus replied to her, “Woman, your faith is great. Let it be done for you as you want.” And from that moment her daughter was healed.

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



Carried and Called to Follow

Jesus the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity's most endearing images. Scenes of Jesus holding a small lamb bring comfort during times of trouble, reminding us of God's tender care when we are weak or hurting. In those moments, we are grateful to be carried.

Yet this image also points to a deeper truth. The Shepherd's role is not only to carry the lamb, but to lead the flock. When we are restored and strengthened, we are called to rise, to walk and to follow where He leads.

God meets us in our need with compassion, but He also calls us forward with purpose. The same hands that lift us up also guide us on the path ahead.

There is a time to be carried, and there is a time to follow.

Furniture Mission in Sioux Falls - Our Mission is to demonstrate the love of Christ by providing those in need with gently used furniture and household items.