

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 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Red **#184**

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

Job 38:1-11 Old Testament

Psalms 18: 25-30 Responsive Reading

* Matthew 14:22-33 * 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 – *Be Thou My Vision* Red **#607**

Sermon Text: Epistle – Romans 10:9-17

Sermon – (A Disciple) Believes the Good News Pastor Barry

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

* Closing Hymn – *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* Red **#401**

* 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.**



Taylor Fink, a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church near Armour and a student at Free Lutheran Bible College, will share highlights from her experience at the college last year. She will speak during the Sunday morning worship services **on August 16th** at First American and Hope. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Free Lutheran Bible College, located on the AFLC campus in Plymouth, Minnesota. Please invite anyone who may be interested in attending the college or learning more about it.

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 - August 9 - 16

TUESDAY 7:30 pm Hope WMF – Lesson 6
WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm First American Council Meeting
SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship at First Am. w/ Taylor Fink presentation
10:45 am Worship at Hope w/ Taylor Fink presentation

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – August 3, 2026

First American: General—\$2475. Benevolence—\$41. AFLC Seminary—\$25.
Budget per Sun—\$2068.

Welcome! Many churches have designated this first Sunday in August as **Friendship Day**. Jesus called his followers "friends." Since we, too, are friends of Christ, we are also to be friends of one another. So welcome, friends. Let us enter into the joy of our Master. 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: Maurice Bueber. Russ Dozark. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Robert Kurtz. Sue Neumeister. Tammy Ziegler. Glendora Zeitner.

Health Needs: Elaine Jones (mother of Melissa Schmidt).

Birthdays: 9 Wayne Bietz, Mike Fechner, Desiree Gunnare. 13 Darold Bitterman. 14 Myra Vetter.

Anniversary: 10 Christian & Caitlin Jensen

AFLC Churches: Living Faith Lutheran, Boyertown, PA; King of Glory Lutheran, Shakopee, MN; Calvary Free Lutheran, Arlington, SD.

Mission: Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health, Yankton & Avera Behavioral Health in Sioux Falls

Our members in Care Centers: Avera Bormann Manor in Parkston: Elmer Bietz
Avera Bormann Assisted Living in Parkston: Carol Bietz
Avera Weskota Manor in Wessington Springs: Lorene Jerke
Good Samaritan Society-Scotland: Delaine Geuther.
Menno-Olivet Care Center: Norma Mogck



Let the little children
come to me....

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

Tripp-Delmont Parish + Association of Free Lutheran Churches

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Today's Readings

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament

Job 38:1-11; 42:1-3

Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ²“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? ³Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—⁷while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁸“Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt’?”

Then Job replied to the LORD: ²“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.

Psalms 18:25-30

²⁵ To the faithful you show yourself faithful,
to the blameless you show yourself blameless,
²⁶ **to the pure you show yourself pure,
but to the devious you show yourself shrewd.**

²⁷ You save the humble
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.
²⁸ **You, LORD, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.**

²⁹ With your help I can advance against a troop;
with my God I can scale a wall.
³⁰ **As for God, his way is perfect:
The LORD’s word is flawless;
he shields all who take refuge in him.**

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

Lessons – August 16, 2026 OT – Isaiah 56:1,6-8 Psalm 67
Epistle – Romans 11:1-2a,13-15,28-32 Gospel – Matthew 15:21-28

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Sermon Text: Epistle

Romans 10:9-17

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” ¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

75+ Ideas for GIRLS

School and Craft Supplies

1. pencils
2. pens
3. crayons
4. colored pencils
5. pencil sharpener
6. notebooks or journals
7. picture books, even for older girls
8. glue sticks
9. scissors
10. highlighters or markers
11. chalk
12. coloring books
13. Duct tape (in a pretty pattern!)
14. sticky notes
15. stickers
16. stamps and ink pads
17. scotch tape
18. pencil case
19. glitter
20. sewing kit
21. fabric quarters
22. watercolor paint sets
23. pom poms
24. stick-on rhinestone jewels
25. mini craft kits
26. masks to decorate

Toiletries and Hair Pretties

27. travel-size tissue packs
28. nice-smelling soap
(soap no longer accepted)
29. colorful washcloths
30. manicure set (no nail polish)
31. toothbrush
32. tiara
33. hair bows or barrettes
34. comb/brush
35. solid deodorant
36. purse
37. pretty headbands
38. hair ribbons
39. band-aids
40. safety pins

Toys

41. stuffed animals

42. yo-yo
43. jacks
44. matchbox cars (girls like them too!)
45. boxed puzzle
46. card games (like UNO)
47. play-doh (make sure it's sealed well so it doesn't dry out)
48. jump rope
49. marbles
50. finger puppets
51. doll
52. bouncy ball (or tennis ball)
53. kaleidoscope
54. [princess wand](#)
55. ballet slippers
56. accordion-style folding fan
57. non-breakable tea set
58. toy animal figures
59. travel-size games (like checkers)
60. drawstring backpack
61. spinning top
62. mini etch-a-sketch
63. silly putty
64. slinky
65. friendship bracelets (& extra string to make more!)
66. kids' meal toys

Musical

67. harmonica
68. small tambourine
69. wooden whistle
70. kazoo, bells, maracas
71. music box, wind chimes
72. wind chimes

Wearable

73. gloves, scarf
74. flip-flops, fun socks
75. t-shirt, pillowcase dress



Romans 10:9-17

"Believes the Good News"

August 9, 2026

1. Simple Confession

2. Rich Reward

3. Earnest Sharing