

Preparation for Worship:

If we are not in line with your will, graceful God, may this be the day we make our lives fully dedicated to you.

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 – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Red **#171**

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 51:1-6 Old Testament

Psalms 138 Responsive Reading

* Matthew 15:29-39 * 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.**

*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 – *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* Red **#583**

Sermon Text: Epistle – Romans 10:9-17

Sermon – A Disciple Glorifies God Pastor Barry

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

* Closing Hymn – *I Come, O Lord* Red **#496**

* 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.**

In Every Season, Turn to God

Are you enjoying a happy time?
Praise God.

Is life becoming difficult?
Seek God.

Are you experiencing a quiet moment?
Worship God.

Are you suffering great pain?
Trust God.

Are you unsure what to do?
Ask God.

Are you overwhelmed with joy? Thank God.



This Week in the Parish - August 23 - 30

MONDAY Newsletter Deadline!
SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship at First American
 9:30 am Hope Sunday School begins!
 10:45 am Worship at Hope with Rally Sunday &
 Presentation of Bibles

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – August 16, 2026

First Am: General—\$1259. Benevolence—\$36. Noisy Offering for Ramsey Horstman family—\$1647.22. Budget per Sun—\$2068.

Welcome! With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for God's boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we extend the hand of friendship and love to all who have come. 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. Glendora Zeitner.

Health Needs: Pastor Dale Finstrom (former pastor of Pastor Barry). Ramsey Horstmann (daughter of Seth & Tiffany). *Elaine Jones* (mother of Melissa Schmidt). Marlin Nuss (father of Jodi Fuerst). Nicole Rude (niece of Tammy Ziegler). 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).

Birthday: 25 Jeanne Friederich.

Anniversaries: 27 Seth & Pamela Bietz. 28 Jon & Brenda Bietz.

AFLC Churches: Mt. Zion Lutheran, Landisburg, PA; Green Lake Lutheran, Spicer, MN; Skrefsrud Lutheran, Beresford, SD.

Mission: 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.

If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.

—Maya Angelou

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Today's Readings

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament

Isaiah 51:1-6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; ²look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. ³The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. ⁴"Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

Psalms 138

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;
before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

³ When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

**⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,
when they hear what you have decreed.**

⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.

**⁶ Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.

**⁸ The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

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

Lessons – August 30, 2026 OT – Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8
Epistle – Romans 12:9-21 Gospel – Matthew 16:21-28

Gospel

Matthew 15:29-39

²⁹ Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. ³⁰ Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them. ³¹ The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

³² Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

³³ His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?"

³⁴ "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.

"Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."

³⁵ He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. ³⁶ Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. ³⁷ They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ³⁸ The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹ After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.

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

Sermon Text: Epistle

Romans 11:33-12:2

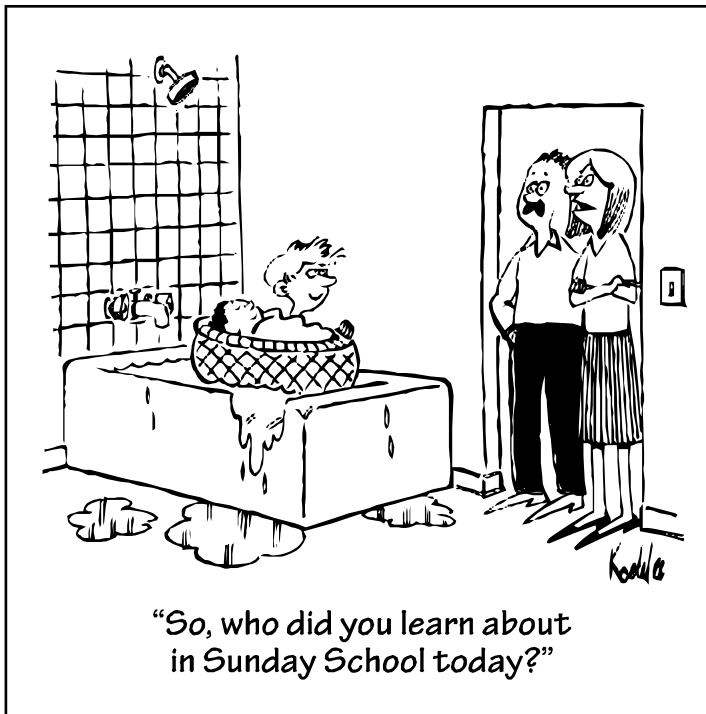
³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵ "Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?"

³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

¹² Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



Romans 11:33-12:2

"(A Disciple) Glorifies God"

August 23, 2026

1. Joyful Praise

2. Living Sacrifice

3. Renewed Mind

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

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.