

Preparation for Worship:

Give us a willing spirit, dear Lord,
a spirit willing to worship and serve you wholeheartedly.

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: **I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.** (Psalm 121:1-2)

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn – *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Red **#173**

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, #522, v.1) **Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured— There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within; Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!**

Declaration of Grace

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

WORD We seek guidance from God's Word

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Old Testament

Psalms 26:1-8 Responsive Reading

* Matthew 16:21-28 * 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 – *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* Red **#232**

Sermon Text: Epistle – Romans 12:9-21

Sermon – A Disciple Clings to Good Pastor Barry

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

* Closing Hymn – *Blest Be the Ties that Bind* Red **#245**

* 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.**



Sunday, September 13 – There will not be services at Hope Lutheran. Instead, you're invited to attend the Harvest Festival Worship Service at Twin Rivers Old Iron. Worship starts at 9:30am.

The **All Nations Family Worship Center** (Johnny & Heidi Wade) is asking for donations of washed, empty plastic containers with lids, such as cool whip bowls, cottage cheese, sour cream, etc. that can be used to transport leftovers for their weekly meals. There is a collection bin in the narthex at First American.

This Week in the Parish - August 30 – September 6

TODAY	6:30 pm	Community Youth Group at First American
WEDNESDAY	7:30 pm	Hope Council
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship at First American with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship at Hope with Holy Communion

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – August 23, 2026

First Am: General—\$1045. Benevolence—\$50. Budget per Sun—\$206

Welcome! The psalmist reminds us that God's name is majestic in all the earth (see Psalm 8:9, NIV). With love for God and for one another, let us approach the throne of grace from which all blessings flow. 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). Jared Minikus (son of Michelle Kurtz's cousin). 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) and Sally Schatz (Tripp community).

Birthday: 30 Carson Bueber. 31 Jaymie Tegethoff. 2 Cara Will. 4 Bob Kurtz.

Anniversary: 1 Dave & Dianne Semmler.

AFLC Churches: Tressler Memorial Free Lutheran, Loysville, PA; Sunnyside Free Lutheran, Stacy, MN; Grace Lutheran, Bruce, SD.

Mission: Tripp Ministerial and Douglas County Food Pantry



Congratulations to Madison Mogck and Elias Peterson on the birth of their son, Shai Eldon. Shai was born on Saturday, August 29th and weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce. Proud grandparents are Brian and Dee Mogck and proud great-grandmother, Norma Mogck.

Accept forgiveness from God and put your sin behind you. It is not our business to remember what God has forgotten.

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Today's Readings

August 30, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

Responsive Reading

Psalms 26:1-8

¹ Vindicate me, LORD, for I have led a blameless life;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
² **Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;**
³ for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love
and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.
⁴ **I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites.**
⁵ I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.
⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, LORD,**
⁷ proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.
⁸ **LORD, I love the house where you live,
the place where your glory dwells.**

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

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are

standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Sermon Text: Epistle

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



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.

It Is No Secret: A Song Born of Transformation

Billy Graham's public ministry gained national attention at the Rose Bowl in 1949, where a remarkable response marked the beginning of a historic movement. He returned to the same venue in November 2004, 55 years later, to commemorate that milestone.

Before the 1949 event, Billy appeared as a guest on a radio show hosted by songwriter and performer Stuart Hamblen. During the broadcast, Hamblen encouraged listeners to attend the meetings at the Rose Bowl. Before leaving, Billy invited Hamblen to attend as well. Though not a Christian at the time, Hamblen agreed. (His wife, however, was a believer.)

That evening, Hamblen did not go forward with others to profess faith in Christ, but he left deeply unsettled. Later that night, he went to Graham's hotel, where he shared his restless spirit. Through Billy's witness and prayer, Hamblen gave his life to the Lord.

Soon after, actor John Wayne asked him, "Stuart, what's this about you hitting the sawdust trail?"

Hamblen replied, "That's no secret, John, what God has done for me. He can do it for you or anyone else."

Wayne responded, "That sounds like a song. Why don't you write one?"

And so, "It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)" was born.

Hamblen later wrote many Gospel songs, once saying, "I try to write music with a spiritual uplift instead of a moral downbeat."

Romans 12:9-21

"(A Disciple) Clings to What Is Good"

August 30, 2026

1. Be Devoted to One Another

2. Keeping Your Spiritual Fervor

3. Overcome Evil with Good