

Preparation for Worship:

Enable us, O Lord, to approach you with pure hearts and proper praise. In Christ's name. 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: **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 – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Red **#174**

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

Isaiah 55:6-9 Old Testament

Psalm 27:1-9 Responsive Reading

* Matthew 20:1-16 * Gospel Lesson

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

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought me and freed me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil; not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. 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 – *From Thee All Skill and Science Flow* Red **#301**

* Sermon Text: Gospel – Philipians 1:18-26

Sermon – A Disciple Lives with Courage Pastor Barry

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

* Closing Hymn – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Red **#187**

* 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.**

Lessons That Last

Most of us can remember a Sunday school teacher who made a lasting difference in our lives. Sometimes the simplest lessons become the ones we carry with us the longest.

One man recalled his high school Sunday school teacher, a businessman named Mr. Homan, who shared this advice with the boys in his class: "Don't ever go anywhere you would not want your mother or sister to go. Don't ever do anything you would not want your mother or sister to do."

Years later, the man reflected on those words and said, "That advice has served me well. I have always remembered it."

God often uses faithful teachers to plant seeds of wisdom, character and integrity in young hearts. Their influence may not always be seen right away, but the lessons they share can guide lives for years to come.

Never underestimate the power of a few thoughtful words spoken with love and conviction.

This Week in the Parish - September 20 - 27

MONDAY	Newsletter Deadline!
SATURDAY	8:30 am WMF Fall Rally at First American
	9:00 am WMF Fall Rally Registration
	9:30 am WMF Fall Rally Welcome (Lunch provided)
SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship at First American with Mission Fest
	9:30 am Hope Sunday School
	10:00 am First American Sunday School
	10:45 am Hope Worship with Mission Fest and Lunch to follow

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – September 13, 2026

First Am: General—\$1455. Benevolence—\$110. Budget per Sunday—\$2068.

Welcome! With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all. 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. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Robert Kurtz. Sue Neumeister. Glendora Zeitner.

Health Needs: Karen Johnson (sister of Lila Fechner). Jared Minikus (son of Michelle Kurtz's cousin). *Nicole Rude* (niece of Tammy Ziegler).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family & friends of Barb Kissner-Swoboda (friend of Kyrie Nelson's family). Norma Reiner (grandmother of Darin, Jordan & Collin Ziegler), Leo Mach (Tripp community), Marlin Nuss (father of Jodi Fuerst, grandfather of LaNae Fuerst, Macey Schempp and Jackie Ziegler).

Birthdays: 24 Maurice Bueber, Charlotte Schempp. 25 Vicki Hubner.

Anniversaries: 19 Wes & Cara Will. 20 Jordan & Samantha Ziegler. 21 Francis & Karen Froehlich. 23 Roger & Karen Huether.

AFLC Churches: Ebenezer Free Lutheran, Humbolt, TN; Sunburg Free Lutheran, Sunburg, MN; St. Olaf Lutheran, Chamberlain, SD.

Mission: Jon & Heidi Nelson AFLC - Journey Missions Department

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

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.

⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalms 27:1-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When the wicked advance against me to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**

³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

⁴ **One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will
hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

⁶ **Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround
me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing
and make music to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.**

⁹ Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

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

* Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵ So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' ⁷ "Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' ⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' ⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' ¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Sermon Text: Epistle

Philippians 1:18-26

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Hope Sunday School Bake/Produce sale at Old Iron on September 12. We received a record breaking \$618 in monetary donations that will go towards Operation Christmas Child.

First American WMF Fundraiser: Throughout the month of September, the FA WMF will be having their annual fundraising offering. Donations help support WMF projects, such as purchasing “Portals of Prayer” devotionals. The WMF also supports other mission organizations through their Christmas benevolence giving.

The **First American WMF** has 2 baskets in the narthex to fill with donated items for a silent auction fundraiser at the District Women’s Rally on September 26. Our funds will be split for some mission projects. Any help will be appreciated! If any questions, please call Jan Jerke, 605-770-3002.

Ladies! You are invited to the **South Dakota District WMF Fall Rally** on September 26, 2026, at First American. Please RSVP by Sept. 16 by contacting Barb or Jan. Hope to see you there for a fun day of fellowship!

9:00am Registration

9:30am Rally Welcome

Speaker: Kyle Gorman, AFLC Journey Missions

Lunch is provided.

There will also be a silent auction for baskets that are put together by other district church WMF groups.

The 2026 Fall Rally is hosted by First American Lutheran, Tripp & Hope Lutheran, Delmont.



Philippians 1:18-26

“A Disciple Lives with Courage”

September 20, 2026

1. Courage to Trust God’s Plan

2. Courage to Exalt Christ

3. Courage to Encourage Others