

### Preparation for Worship:

Lord, quiet the distractions within us and around us as we gather in Your presence. Open our hearts to Your Word, fill our minds with Your truth and lead us to worship You with sincerity and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 – *Christ for the World We Sing* . . . . . Red **#309**

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.**

Declaration of Grace

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

### WORD We seek guidance from God's Word

Psalm 25:1-9                      Responsive Reading

Philippians 2:1-4,14-18       Epistle

\* Matthew 21:23-27            \* Gospel

\* 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 – *The Church's One Foundation* . . . . . Red **#292**

\* Sermon Text: Old Testament – Ezekiel 33:1-11

Sermon – *The Christian Watchman* . . . . . Kyle Gorman

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

\* Closing Hymn – *I Love to Tell the Story* . . . . . Red **#304**

\* 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.**

### Rest for the Soul

Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down.

Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

**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.

## **This Week in the Parish - September 27 – October 4**

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| SUNDAY | 9:00 am  | First American Worship with Holy Communion |
|        | 9:30 am  | Hope Sunday School                         |
|        | 10:00 am | First American Sunday School               |
|        | 10:45 am | Hope Worship with Holy Communion           |

### **Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – September 20, 2026**

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

**Welcome!** This is the Lord's house. The Lord is here to welcome all who have come. Let us join in the spirit of love and peace for all who worship the Creator of 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). Gary Konstanz (former FA). 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:** 27 JoDel Batterman. 3 Joyce Permann.

**Anniversary:** 27 Brian & Dee Mogck.

**AFLC Churches:** CrossRoads Christian Fellowship, Bastrop, TN; Tamarack Lutheran, Tamarack, MN; Emmanuel Free Lutheran, Eagle Butte, SD.

**Mission:** Kyle Gorman, AFLC Journey Missions Department

### **A Prayer for Joy and Laughter**

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,  
Give me the wit to see a joke  
To get some humor out of life,  
And pass it on to other folk.  
—Anonymous

### **Tripp-Delmont Parish + Association of Free Lutheran Churches** Pastor Barry Nelson

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## Today's Readings

September 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

### Psalm 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup> In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup> **I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup> No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

<sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.**

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

<sup>8</sup> **Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

<sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

### Epistle

### Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.

<sup>18</sup> So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

### Gospel

### Matthew 21:23-27

<sup>23</sup> Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>25</sup> John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?” They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’

<sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

### Sermon Text: Old Testament Ezekiel 33:1-11 (ESV)

The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup> “Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, <sup>3</sup> and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, <sup>4</sup> then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. <sup>5</sup> He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. <sup>6</sup> But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. <sup>7</sup> “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. <sup>10</sup> “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup> Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lessons – October 4, 2026 OT – Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-19

Epistle – Philippians 3:4b-14 Gospel – Matthew 21:33-46

## **Ezekiel 33:1-12 – “The Christian Watchman”**

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