

Preparation for Worship:

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, as we come to your table.

Help us remember the sacrifice of Christ, receive your grace with gratitude and live as one body in your love. 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 – *Blessed Assurance* Red **#511**

Communion Exhortation

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!**

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

WORD We seek guidance from God's Word

Isaiah 5:1-7 Old Testament

Psalm 80:7-19 Responsive Reading

* Matthew 21:33-46 * 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 – *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus* Red **#576**

Philippians 3:4b-16 Epistle

Sermon – *A Disciple Strives to Know Christ* Pastor Barry Nelson

MEAL The Table of Our Lord

Hymn – *I Know Whom I Have Believed* Red **#525**

* 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.**

Holy Communion

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

* Closing Hymn – *Not What My Hands Have Done* Red **#512**

* Benediction & Doxology: (sung, p. 24 for melody) **Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**

* Dismissal L: Go in Peace, and Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Charging Forward in Stewardship

Rhinoceroses are remarkable creatures. Strong, sturdy and surprisingly fast, a rhino is built to protect. When it senses danger, especially near its herd or its young, it does not hesitate. It moves with focus, strength and purpose.

There may be a stewardship lesson for us in that.

God has entrusted each of us with gifts, time and resources to use for his kingdom. When opportunities come to serve, give, encourage or help, faithful stewards do not stand still and wait for someone else to go first. They respond with willing hearts and steady faith.

Stewardship is not passive. It calls us to move with purpose, give with conviction and serve with the strength God provides. May we be quick to answer God's call, bold in putting our faith into action and faithful in caring for the people and work God has placed before us.

This Week in the Parish - October 4 - 11

MON-FRI Pastor Barry at AFLC Pastor's Conference
SUNDAY 9:00 am First American Worship
9:30 am Hope Sunday School
10:00 am First American Sunday School
10:45 am Hope Worship

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – September 27, 2026

First Am: General—\$1425. Benevolence—\$25. Noisy Offering for Maurice Bueber—\$50. Mission Festival for AFLC Journey Missions—\$1770. Sunday School—\$17. Budget per Sunday—\$2068.

Welcome! We warmly welcome all who have gathered for worship and encourage everyone to greet one another with the love of Christ. 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). Elaine Jones (mother of Melissa Schmidt). Melody McKittrick (Tripp-Delmont teacher). Jared Minikus (son of Michelle Kurtz's cousin). Nicole Rude (niece of Tammy Ziegler).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family & friends of Bill Chapman (Joelyn Naslund's brother-in-law), *Barb Kissner-Swoboda* (friend of Kyrie Nelson's family), Gary Konstanz (former FA), Bennett Neumeister (son of Del & Sue), and *Norma Reiner* (grandmother of Darin, Jordan & Collin Ziegler).

Birthdays: 6 Barb Dozark. 8 Macey Schempp. 9 Wyatt Bietz. 10 Evan Brock.

Anniversaries: 6 Craig & Becki Hauser, Drake & Jessica Johnston. 8 Darold & Sara Bitterman. 9 Cody & Brandi Dozark.

AFLC Churches: Free Lutheran Fellowship, Brownsville, TX; Abundant Life Lutheran, Thief River Falls, MN; Bethel Lutheran, Faith, SD.

Mission: Our Sunday school teachers

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.
—Mother Teresa

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Today's Readings

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." ⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Psalms 80:7-19

⁷ Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

⁸ **You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

¹² Why have you broken down its walls
so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

¹⁴ **Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!**

Watch over this vine, ¹⁵ the root your right hand has planted,
the son you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁷ **Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.**

¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ **Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

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

* Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵ "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants

to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. ³⁸ "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? ⁴³ "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

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

Sermon Text: Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-16

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Lessons – Oct. 11, 2026 Old Testament – Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 23
Epistle – Philippians 4:4-13 Gospel – Matthew 22:1-14

Philippians 3:1-9

"A Disciple Strives to Know Christ"

October 4, 2026

1. Through the Power of His Resurrection

2. By Sharing in His Sufferings

3. In Order to Attain the Resurrection