

Preparation for Worship: Keep our minds and spirits focused on you, O Lord, that we may not miss your message to us. 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 – *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Red **#181**

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

Isaiah 25:6-9 Old Testament
Psalm 23 Responsive Reading
Philippians 4:4-13 Epistle

* Confession of Faith (Luther's Meaning - Third Article of Apostle's Creed):

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; in like manner as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in this Christian Church He daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ. 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 – *Softly and Tenderly* Red **#431**

* Sermon Text: Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon – *A Disciple Is Ready* Pastor Barry Nelson

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

* Closing Hymn – *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* Red **#404**

* 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.**

You'rx Nxxdxd!

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll— xxcxpt for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd pxrfectly. It's trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritxr — not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I'm just onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx church." But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx bxcasux a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxxy pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxcxsxry, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdxd vxry much."



**Worship Time Change for
Sunday, October 25**

10:00 Joint Reformation Day Service
at First American
Holy Communion
Potluck to Follow

Welcome to all who have gathered to praise God today. May we worship with grateful hearts and reach out to one another in the love and fellowship of Christ. Please be sure to introduce yourself and sign our guest register as you leave.

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – October 4, 2026

First Am: General—\$2815. Benevolence—\$100. WMF—\$50. Mission Fest for AFLC Journey Missions—\$300. Sunday School—\$39. Budget per Sun—\$2068.

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Today's Readings

October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ⁹ In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,**

³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Lessons – Oct. 18, 2026 Old Testament – Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9

Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Gospel – Matthew 22:15-22

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-13

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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

Sermon Text: Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. ¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

This Week in the Parish - October 4 - 11

MONDAY	7:30 pm	Hope Council
WEDNESDAY	5:30 pm	Confirmation at First American
	7:30 pm	First American Council
THURSDAY	7:30 pm	Hope WMF – lesson 8
SATURDAY	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast at First American
SUNDAY	9:00 am	First American Worship with Noisy Offering for Operation Christmas Child items
	9:30 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:00 am	First American Sunday School
	10:45 am	Hope Worship

Health Needs of our Members: Maurice Bueber. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Robert Kurtz. Sue Neumeister. Glendora Zeitner.

Health Needs: Paula Gruesing (niece of Russ Dozark), *Karen Johnson* & Bobbi Toole (sisters 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 Elmer Bietz (First Am), *Bill Chapman* (Joelyn Naslund's brother-in-law), *Gary Konstanz* (former FA), Lorene Jerke (Hope), Bennett Neumeister (son of Del & Sue Neumeister).

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the **family of Lorene Jerke**. Lorene died Sunday, October 4 at the Weskota Manor in Wessington Springs, South Dakota at the age of 105 years. Her funeral will be Monday, October 12 at Hope Lutheran with visitation 10:00am-11:00am, funeral 11:00am and committal at Hope Lutheran Cemetery. *We commit Lorene to God's glory and everlasting life.*

We extend our sympathy and prayers the **family of Elmer Bietz**. Elmer died Wednesday, October 7 at Avera Bormann Manor in Parkston, South Dakota at the age of 92 years. Visitation will be at First American on Monday from 5pm-7pm with a funeral service on Tuesday, October 11, at 10:30 am, with committal service following at Grace Hill Cemetery in Tripp.

We commit Elmer to God's glory and everlasting life.

Birthdays: 12 Wanda Anderson. 14 Sherry Friman, Oliver Schmidt.

Anniversary: 13 Steve & Joyce Permann.

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

Mission: AFLC Pastors & Families

Our members in Care Centers: Menno-Olivet Care Center: Norma Mogck
Avera Bormann Assisted Living in Parkston: Carol Bietz
Good Samaritan Society-Scotland: Delaine Geuther.

Matthew 22:1-14

"A Disciple Is Ready"

October 11, 2026

1. Value the Invitation

2. Accept the Invitation

3. Believe the Invitation