

Preparation for Worship:

Fill our minds with holy thoughts, O Lord, that we may think what you would have us think and worship you with purity of heart. 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 – *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

Isaiah 45: 1-7

Old Testament

Psalm 96: 1-9

Responsive Reading

* Matthew 22:15-22

* 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 – *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Red **#587**

* Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Epistle

Sermon – *A Disciple Lives in the Power of God* Pastor Barry Nelson

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

* Closing Hymn – *Son of God, Eternal Savior* Red **#490**

* 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.**



"Pinky Day"

Join us in celebrating 60 years of Pinky Huether playing the organ at First American (and filling in at Hope)

Next Sunday, October 25th

10:00am Joint Worship Service at First American
Reformation Sunday and Holy Communion
Potluck to follow the service

Welcome! Hebrews 5:7 reminds us that Jesus “offered up prayers and supplications” and was heard by the Father. As we gather for worship today, may we bring our own prayers before the Lord and draw closer to Him and to one another. Welcome, brothers and sisters in Christ. Please be sure to introduce yourself and sign our guest register as you leave.

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – October 11, 2026

First Am: General—\$1930. Benevolence—\$100. Sunday School—\$17. Budget per Sun—\$2068.

Tripp-Delmont Parish + Association of Free Lutheran Churches
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Today's Readings

October 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament

Isaiah 45:1-7

"This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ² I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. ³ I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. ⁴ For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶ so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

Psalms 96:1-9

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ **Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

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

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" ²¹ "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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

Sermon Text: Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Lessons – Oct. 25, 2026 First Lesson – Revelation 14:1-7 Psalm 46
Epistle – Philippians 4:4-13 Gospel – Matthew 11:12-19

This Week in the Parish - October 18 - 25

WEDNESDAY 5:30 pm Confirmation at First American
7:30 pm First American WMF – lesson 10
SUNDAY 10:00 am Joint Worship Service at First American
with Holy Communion
11:00 am Potluck to follow worship
6:30 pm Community Youth Group at First American
MON the 26th Newsletter Deadline!

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: Paula Gruesing (niece of Russ Dozark), Bobbi Toole (sisters of Lila Fechner). *Elaine Jones* (mother of Melissa Schmidt). *Melody McKittrick* (Tripp-Delmont teacher).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family & friends of Elmer Bietz (First Am), Lorene Jerke (Hope), *Bennett Neumeister* (son of Del & Sue Neumeister). Pastor Greg Way (former Tripp resident & Friedens Reformed pastor).

Birthdays: 18 Dennis Fuerst. 19 Collin Ziegler. 20 Dave Semmler. 21 Ron Koenig. 23 Lila Fechner.

Anniversary: 20 Dennis & Jodi Fuerst.

AFLC Churches: Faith Lutheran, El Campo, TX; Our Saviour's Lutheran, Thief River Falls, MN; Salem Free Lutheran, Freeman, SD.

Mission: Our council members

Prayer for military personnel:

Andrew Hanson: Hope member. Stationed in Kentucky; Army.

Austin Lien: nephew of Glenn & Tammy Ziegler. Stationed in Washington; Navy

Why Be a Missionary?

Cynthia Sundman, a missionary serving in a rural village in Peru, shared these words during a talk to a church group in Snohomish, Washington:

"I have struggled to learn Spanish and spent countless weeks sleeping on dirt floors surrounded by rats and bats. In an effort to assimilate into the Peruvian culture, I have learned to eat large amounts of rice, fried guinea pig and even roasted ants.

"I am often asked why I chose to become a missionary. I have only one answer: 'God called me to serve there, and I must obey.'"

—From her sermon, "Where Can I Serve You, Lord?"

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

"A Disciple Lives in the Power of God"

October 18, 2026

1. Comes to Us through the Gospel

2. Transforms Us into the Image of Christ

3. Rescues Us from the Coming Wrath