Preparation for Worship: Today, we remember the faithful believers who have gone before us. May their witness encourage us as we worship the God who remains faithful through every generation.

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: **Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.** (Psalm 95:6-7)

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn – *For All the Saints* . . . . . Red **#164**

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,#397)**: My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day, Be wholly Thine.**

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 149 Responsive Reading

1 John 3:1-3 Epistle

* Matthew 23:1-12 * 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 – *Come, Holy Spirit, Come* . . . . . Red **#126**

Revelation 5:6-14 New Testament

Sermon – *Worthy Is the Lamb* . . . . . Pastor Barry Nelson

MEAL The Table of Our Lord

Holy Communion . . . . . **p. 35-38**

Nunc Dimittis: **Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

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

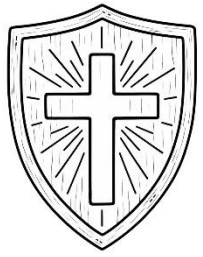
* Hymn – *O Happy Day When We Shall Stand* . . . . . Red **#252**

* 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.**

Faithful Witnesses

Many churches observe All Saints' Day on November 1, a time to remember believers who have died in the faith and give thanks for their faithful witness.



The story of Christianity is filled with ordinary people who held fast to Christ in both joyful and difficult seasons. Across the centuries, countless believers have followed Jesus with courage, and many have even given their lives while bearing witness to God's love and the saving grace of Christ. Even today, Christians in some parts of the world continue to face persecution for their faith.

On this day, take time to remember our Christian heritage with gratitude. Give thanks for those who remained faithful before us, and ask God to help us follow Christ with the same courage, hope and steadfast faith.

Welcome! On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints' Sunday, we have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries. Please be sure to introduce yourself and sign our guest register as you leave.

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – October 25, 2026

First Am: General—$2620.25. Benevolence—$160. Basement/Church Rent—$150. Noisy Offrg for OCC Supplies—$50. Sunday School—$30. Budget per Sun—$2068.

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Today's Readings

November 1, 2026 All Saints' Day

Responsive Reading Psalm 149

1 Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.
2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.
3 Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with timbrel and harp.
4 For the LORD takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.
5 Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor
and sing for joy on their beds.
6 May the praise of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands,
7 to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
8 to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron,
9 to carry out the sentence written against them—
this is the glory of all his faithful people. Praise the LORD.

Epistle 1 John 3:1-3

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 2 "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3 So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. 4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. 5 "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; 7 they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others. 8 "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. 9 And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. 11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

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

Sermon Text: New Testament Revelation 5:6-14

6 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. 8 And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. 9 And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. 10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

14 The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lessons – November 8, 2026 Old Testament – Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70
Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

This Week in the Parish - November 1 - 8

WEDNESDAY	5:30 pm	Confirmation at First American
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 Service

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: Joan Falor (mother of Barb Dozark). *Paula Grussing* (niece of Russ Dozark). *Elaine Jones* (mother of Melissa Schmidt). Nicole Rude (niece of Tammy Ziegler). Colin Strombeck (Tripp community). Bobbi Toole (sister of Lila Fechner).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family & friends of Logan Denning (Corsica), Herman Fink (Delmont), Reita Goehring (grandmother of Brice Caery), Briggs Niewenhuis (Corsica), Pastor Dale Finstrom (Pastor of Pastor Barry), and *Pastor Greg Way* (former Tripp resident & Friedens Reformed pastor).

Birthdays: 1 Oakley Wynia. 2 Bentlee Johnston. 3 Alicia Keene. 5 Lacey Bietz.
Anniversaries: 3 Mike & Lila Fechner. 5 Doug & Mary Gunnare.

AFLC Churches: Good Shepherd Free Lutheran, Pleasanton, TX; Tordenskjold Free Lutheran, Underwood, MN; Amazing Grace Free Lutheran, Mt. Vernon, SD.

Mission: Brent & Emily Raan, AFLC missionaries in Uganda

First American & Hope FLY members are selling **Poinsettias** once again for $18. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex; must order by November 15! Color choices are Pink, Red, and White.



St. Peters WMF in rural Armour is hosting a **Thanksgiving Blessings Tea** on Saturday, November 21, 9:00-10:30am (light refreshments will be served). RSVP to Jan Jerke by November 10 if you will be attending.

Christmas Craft Fair in Tripp
Saturday, November 21
10:00am – 2:00pm



Your favorite vendors return, as well as some newcomers. Join us for lunch. After expenses, the vendor fees and freewill donations from the lunch stand will be used for Operation Christmas Child expenses and shipping at First American.

Revelation 5:6-14

"Worthy Is the Lamb" November 1, 2026

Intro – 3-fold Song

1. Who Was Slain

2. Who Purchased a People

3. Who Made Them a Kingdom



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