Preparation for Worship:
May your Spirit speak to our spirits, O God. Give us the grace and strength to obey your guidance.

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 – *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* . . . . . Red **#157**

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

Amos 5:18-24 Old Testament

Psalm 70 Responsive Reading

* Matthew 25:1-13 * 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 – *Rejoice, All Ye Believers* . . . . . Red **#4**

* Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Epistle

Sermon – *Informed Hope* . . . . . Pastor Barry Nelson

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

* Closing Hymn – *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* . . . . . Red **#507**

* 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.**

Honoring Faithful Service

Each year on Veterans Day, we pause to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice and devotion. Their willingness to defend freedom reminds us that service often comes with great cost.



As Christians, we are called to honor those who serve and to pray for veterans, active-duty military members and their families. We also remember that true peace comes from God, who is our refuge and strength.

May this day lead us to gratitude, prayer and renewed commitment to serve others with humility, courage and love.

Welcome! A friendly welcome to each worshiper! We are pleased to have each of you here to glorify God and sing praises to the Almighty. 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—$1990. Benevolence—$100. FLY—$20. Sunday School—$13. Budget per Sun—$2068.

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Today's Readings

November 8, 2026 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD!
Why do you long for the day of the LORD?
That day will be darkness, not light.
19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall
only to have a snake bite him.
20 Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?
21 "I hate, I despise your religious festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to me.
22 Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
23 Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
24 But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Psalm 70

1 Hasten, O God, to save me;
come quickly, LORD, to help me.
2 May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.
3 May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.
4 But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer; LORD, do not delay.

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

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' 7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 9 "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' 10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' 12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' 13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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

Sermon Text: Epistle 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lessons – Nov. 15, 2026 OT – Zephaniah 2:1-3 Psalm 90:12-17
Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30

This Week in the Parish - November 8 - 15

TUESDAY	7:30pm	Hope WMF – Lesson 9
WEDNESDAY	5:30 pm	Confirmation at First American
	7:00 pm	First American Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Hope Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	Joint Council Meeting at Hope
SATURDAY	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast at First American
SUNDAY	9:00 am	First American Worship with Noisy Offering for OCC Shoebox Shipping
	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). Rod Goldammer. *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).

Birthdays: 9 Leah Dewald, Lori Dewald, Roger Huether. 10 Emily Dewald. 12 Richard Bietz, Austin Bitterman.13 Conner Bietz, Cheryl Bones, Glendora Zeitner.

AFLC Churches: Crown of Life Lutheran, Tomball, TX; Word of Life Free Lutheran, Upsala, MN; Ortley Free Lutheran, Ortley, SD.

Mission: Abbott House in Mitchell, SD

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.

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.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

"Informed Hope" November 8, 2026

1. Hope in Death

2. Hope of Christ's Coming

3. Hope of Eternal Life



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