

**Preparation for Worship:**

“Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth. . . . I will praise your name, Lord, for it is good” (Psalm 54:2, 6, NIV).

*\*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: **Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.**

Opening Prayer (Hebrews 13:15)

\* 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, 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.**

Declaration of Grace

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

**WORD** – We seek guidance from God’s Word

Jeremiah 11:18-20 Old Testament  
Psalm 54 Responsive Reading  
James 3:13-4:10 Epistle

\* 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 (#391, v.1) **We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.**

Children’s Sermon

Hymn – *Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven* . . . . . Red #402

\* Mark 9:30-37 \* Gospel

Sermon – *Shh...Jesus Is Coming!* . . . . . Pastor Barry Nelson

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

\* Hymn of the Day – *How Great Thou Art* . . . . . Red #510

\* 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 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.**

Today’s **Noisy Offering** at First American will be given to Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Supplies.



**Mission Fest:** We will be having our Mission Fest services on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at our normal service times (9am at First American; 10:45am at Hope). Our guest speaker will be Kayla Leininger (former 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at T-D Schools) who went to Mozambique (in Africa) as part of a team that did a number of building projects and shared the Gospel in a number of different settings.

**This Week in the Parish - September 22 - 29**

MONDAY Newsletter Deadline!  
WEDNESDAY 5:00 pm Confirmation at Hope  
7:30 am First American WMF – Lesson 9  
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 15, 2024**

**First American:** General—\$1354. The SON Network-Pastor Scheiermann—\$100.  
Budget per Sunday—\$1742.

**Welcome** to worship in the name of God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — who created you, saved you and makes you holy. Amen. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



*How Great Thou Art* was selected by Jessica Johnston. “I listened to that song everyday when Dawsyn was in the NICU, and it was my daily reminder of how great God is and that He would get us through those hard times.”

Our prayer time during our worship service is very important. To maintain a current prayer list, requests for non-members will be printed in the bulletin for three weeks. For additional time, please update Pastor Barry. New additions will be underlined, and those scheduled to come off the next week will be in italics.

**Health Needs of our Members:** Sandy Baier. Howard Friederich. Allan Hale. Sue Neumeister.

**Health Needs:** *Mary Fideler* (Tripp).

**Birthdays:** 24 Maurice Bueber, Charlotte Schempp. 25 Vicki Hubner.

**Anniversaries:** 23 Roger & Karen Huether. 27 Brian & Dee Mogck.

**Sympathy:** Prayers for the friends and family of *Dan Maag* (formerly of Tripp) and *Kenny Wintersteen* (Menno).

**AFLC Churches:** Christ Lutheran, Stover, MO; Hope Lutheran, Northome, MN; First English Lutheran of Lostwood, Stanley, ND.

**Mission:** Campus Crusade for Christ

**Prayer for military personnel:**

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

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

*“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”*

—Anthony J. D'Angelo

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# Today's Readings

September 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Old Testament

### Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Because the LORD revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. <sup>19</sup> I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." <sup>20</sup> But you, LORD Almighty, who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

### Psalm 54

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, by your name;  
vindicate me by your might.

<sup>2</sup> **Hear my prayer, O God;  
listen to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup> Arrogant foes are attacking me;  
ruthless people are trying to kill me—  
people without regard for God.

<sup>4</sup> **Surely God is my help;  
the Lord is the one who sustains me.**

<sup>5</sup> Let evil recoil on those who slander me;  
in your faithfulness destroy them.

<sup>6</sup> **I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;  
I will praise your name, LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup> You have delivered me from all my troubles,  
and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

## Epistle

### James 3:13-4:10

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving,

considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? <sup>6</sup> But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

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

## Gospel

### Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup> They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. <sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." <sup>36</sup> He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Lessons – Sept 29, 2024 OT – Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29 Psalm 104:27-35  
Epistle – James 5:13-20 Gospel – Mark 9:38-50

## The Extraordinary Amid the Ordinary

A violinist once performed in the New York City subway, entertaining passersby for 45 minutes. A few tossed him cash, totaling about \$30 by the time he concluded.

Little did anyone know, Joshua Bell was one of the world's best violinists. That day, he played one of the most complex musical pieces ever written on an instrument worth \$3.5 million. Indeed, a few days earlier Bell had performed a sold-out concert in Boston, where tickets averaged \$100.

Sometimes God does extraordinary things right in the middle of our ordinary lives, yet we don't notice. You're offered an opportunity you almost pass up, thinking it's not worth your time or effort. But upon taking part, you find it leads to your life's calling. Or someone crosses your path, but overlooking their worth, you brush them aside, missing out on a blessing God had for you through them.

And what about you? Do you undervalue yourself as "nothing special," just an "ordinary" person? Look closer; think again. For an ordinary baby born long ago to an ordinary couple in an ordinary stable in an ordinary town was none other than ... God's Son! And you? Why, you are also an extraordinary child of God!

## Mark 9:30-37

"Shh...Jesus Is Coming!"

September 22, 2024

### 1. Silences Boasting

### 2. Exposes Selfishness

### 3. Comforts the Humble

