

Preparation for Worship:

Isaiah declares: "Say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, do not fear; your God will come!'" (35:4, NIV). May we sense your nearness, Lord, so our anxieties may be stilled.

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)

* Hymn of the Day – *To God Be the Glory* Red **#509**

Reception of New Members

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.)

* 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.**

Baptism of Jamie Gene Ziegler

Hymn – *O Let Your Soul Now Be Filled with Gladness* Red **#403**

WORD – We seek guidance from God's Word

Isaiah 35:3-10 Old Testament
Psalm 146:5-10 Responsive Reading
* Mark 7:31-37 * Gospel

* 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

James 2:1-13 Epistle
Sermon – *Faithful Church Members* Pastor Barry Nelson

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

* Closing Hymn – *Christ Is Our Cornerstone* Red **#299**

* 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.



Community Worship

There will be no worship at Hope on Sunday, September 15. Instead, all are invited to the Community Worship Service at the Twin Rivers Old Iron Harvest Festival. The Community Service starts at 9:00am and will be led by Maurice Bueber and the Happy Memories Band.

Fundraiser for Operation Christmas Child: The Hope Lutheran Sunday school will be having a produce/bake sale at the Twin Rivers Old Iron Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 14. If you would like to make a donation of baked goods or garden produce, please bring your items to the Old Iron Festival by 9:00am.

Friedens Reformed in Tripp will be having their **Annual Baked Potato Topper** supper from 5pm-8pm on Wednesday, September 11th. There will be a freewill offering taken.

This Week in the Parish - September 8 - 15

WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
	7:30 pm	First American Council
THURSDAY	7:30 pm	Hope WMF – Lesson 7
SATURDAY	9:30 am	WMF Fall Rally at Skrefsrud Lutheran, Beresford
SUNDAY	9:00 am	First American Worship with Noisy Offering for Operation Christmas Child Supplies
	9:00 am	Community Worship at Twin Rivers Old Iron Harvest Festival - <i>No Services at Hope</i>
	10:00 am	First American Congregational Meeting

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – September 1, 2024

First American: General—\$1770. Benevolence—\$10. Noisy Offering for Easton Wagner Family—\$25. Budget per Sunday—\$1742.

Welcome! What a glorious day as we share in a full program schedule! Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship today! Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



To God Be the Glory was selected by Malorie Walz. The evangelist Dwight Moody popularized the hymn in Great Britain in the 1800s. However, the hymn only became well-known in the US when it was used by Billy Graham in the 1950s.

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: Janice (sister of Joelyn's neighbor). Mary Fideler (Tripp). Kenny Wintersteen (Menno).

Birthdays: 11 Lauren Hanson. 12 Carrie Reiner. 14 Judy Schelske.

Anniversary: 8 Bryan & Shawn Bietz. 10 Collin & Jackie Ziegler.

Sympathy: Prayers for the friends and family of Dan Maag (formerly of Tripp) and Herm Peters (Avon Community).

AFLC Churches: Christ Lutheran, Shingleton, MI; True Vine Lutheran, Mora, MN; Beaver Creek Lutheran, Ray, ND.

Mission: Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) in Sioux Falls



Jamie Gene Ziegler will be baptized today at First American. She was born on July 1, 2024 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Collin and Jackie Ziegler. Jamie's sponsors are Tyson & Jeana Gregerson. "We welcome this new little one into the Lord's family!"

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Today's Readings

September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament

Isaiah 35:3-10

³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.” ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹ No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Psalms 146:5-10

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.
⁶ **He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.**
⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets prisoners free,
⁸ **the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are
bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.**
⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the
widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.
¹⁰ **The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD.**

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

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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

Epistle

James 2:1-13

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here's a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? ⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. ¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Welcome,

New Members

At First American

Today we welcome our new members at First American. Join us after worship for coffee, donuts & fellowship to celebrate each of them!

JoDel Batterman-Dierks
Glen, Lori, Emily & Leah Dewald
John, Sherry & Jacey Friman
Kelly Naslund
Tony & Malorie Walz
Collin & Jackie Ziegler

To not only our new members but also the entire congregation:
We are here to walk alongside you on your faith journey, share in your joys, comfort you in your sorrows, and celebrate your milestones.
Together, we can inspire and uplift one another as we seek to live out God's love in our lives and in the world around us.



Congregational Meeting: First American will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 15, following the worship service. We will be discussing the approval of the installation of an upstairs bathroom in the parsonage.

The **South Dakota District WMF Rally** will be held at Skrefsrud Lutheran near Beresford on Saturday, September 14. First American: We will be leaving from First American no later than 7:30 am.

James 2:1-13

"Faithful Church Members"

September 8, 2024

1. Honor God's Family

2. Follow the Royal Law

3. Bring Glory to God