

**Preparation for Worship:**

“Lord, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells” (Psalm 26:8, NIV). Open my heart to receive your word for me this day.

*\*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 – *Crown Him with Many Crowns* . . . . . Red **#172**

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.**

Declaration of Grace

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

[Hope] Special Music . . . . . Hope Sunday School

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

- Genesis 2:18-25                      Old Testament
- Psalms 128                              Responsive Reading
- Hebrews 2:10-18                      Epistle
- \* Mark 10:2-16                        \* 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.**

Hymn – *Christ for the World We Sing* . . . . . Red **#309**

Mission Fest Presentation . . . . . Kayla Leininger

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

\* Closing Hymn – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* . . . . . Red **#559**

\* 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 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.**



**Mission Fest:** Welcome to Kayla Leininger (former 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at T-D Schools) who is our Mission Fest speaker this morning. Kayla 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.

Today our Mission Fest Offerings at First American will be given to the Mozambique Wells Mission (Toby & Melinda McGill). The Mission Fest offerings at Hope will be divided evenly between the Mozambique mission and AFLC World Missions.

**Living Out Grace** Talk is cheap, especially when it comes to biblical concepts such as grace. How can people grasp the meaning of unmerited favor unless they experience it firsthand?

That happened to Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan and grandson of Saul, in 2 Samuel 9. After his father was killed in battle, the disabled Mephibosheth hid in fear. Why? In Old Testament times, a new king killed the previous ruler’s bloodline. But David, keeping a promise he’d made to his friend Jonathan, showed Mephibosheth “the kindness of God” (v. 3). Imagine the impact that had on Mephibosheth’s life.

By contrast, failing to live into God’s grace and failing to give it out to others leads to many struggles, according to pastor David Seamands. “We read, we hear, we believe a good theology of grace,” he wrote, but “that’s not the way we live. The good news of the Gospel of grace has not penetrated the level of our emotions.” Instead, may we make a point each day to treat others with God’s kindness and mercy.

The First American WMF is having a Bakeless Bake Sale for the month of October. Donations can be placed in the marked box in the narthex.



**Bakeless Bake Sale**

**This Week in the Parish - October 6 - 13**

TUESDAY	7:30 pm	Hope WMF - Lesson 8
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
	7:30 pm	Hope Council
SATURDAY	8:30 pm	Men's Breakfast at First American
SUNDAY	9:00 am	First American Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:00 am	First American Sunday School
	10:45 am	Hope Worship with Holy Communion

**Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – September 29, 2024**

**First American:** General—\$1713. Benevolence—\$45. AFLC World Missions—\$50. Noisy Offering for OCC Shoebox items—\$55. Sunday school—\$17. Budget per Sunday—\$1742.

**Welcome!** “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, ... God’s special possession.” Welcome to worship, where we are invited to “declare the praises of him who called [us] out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9, NIV). Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



*Crown Him with Many Crowns* was selected by Brayden Ziegler. This hymn is an excellent reminder of how the Lord is worthy of any glory or honor we could give Him. May we always we left in awe when we consider the Lord on His throne.

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. Allan Hale. Sue Neumeister.

**Health Needs:** Carol Meyer (Tripp community).

**Birthdays:** 6 Barb Dozark. 8 Macey Schempp. 9 Wyatt Bietz. 10 Evan Brock. 12 Wanda Anderson.

**Anniversaries:** 6 Craig & Becki Hauser, Drake & Jessica Johnston. 8 Darold & Sara Bitterman, Scott & Judy Schelske. 9 Cody & Brandi Dozark.

**Sympathy:** Prayers for the friends and family of Kay Conner (wife of Tammy Bietz’s father) and Howard Friederich.

**AFLC Churches:** Paradise Lutheran, Canfield, OH; Living Hope Lutheran, Rogers, MN; Taylor Lutheran, Taylor, ND.

**Mission:** Furniture Mission in Sioux Falls, Our Mission is to demonstrate the love of Christ by providing those in need with gently used furniture & household items.

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# Today's Readings

October 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

## Old Testament

## Genesis 2:18-25

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." <sup>19</sup>Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." <sup>24</sup>That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

## Psalm 128

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed are all who fear the LORD,  
who walk in obedience to him.
- <sup>2</sup> **You will eat the fruit of your labor;  
blessings and prosperity will be yours.**
- <sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.
- <sup>4</sup> **Yes, this will be the blessing  
for the man who fears the LORD.**
- <sup>5</sup> May the LORD bless you from Zion;  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.
- <sup>6</sup> **May you live to see your children's children—  
peace be on Israel.**

Lessons – October 13, 2024 OT – Amos 5:6-7,10-15 Psalm 90:12-17

Epistle – Hebrews 3:12-19 Gospel – Mark 10:17-22

## Epistle

## Hebrews 2:10-18

<sup>10</sup>In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. <sup>11</sup>Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." <sup>13</sup>And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." <sup>14</sup>Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—<sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. <sup>17</sup>For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

## Gospel

## Mark 10:2-16

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>"What did Moses command you?" he replied. <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." <sup>5</sup>"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. <sup>6</sup>"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'<sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,<sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." <sup>10</sup>When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. <sup>11</sup>He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup>And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.