

**Preparation for Worship:**

In baptism you called Jesus — and you call us — “beloved.” May we grow in your love, God, and share it with others.

*\*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: **[This is what the LORD says,] “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”**

Opening Prayer (Isaiah 43:1)

\* Opening Hymn – *Hark, the Glad Sound!* . . . . . Red **#12**

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, #398, Rock of Ages, v.2) **Not the labor of my hands, Can fulfil Thy law’s demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

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 29 Responsive Reading

Romans 6:1-11 Epistle

\* Luke 3:15-22 \* Gospel

\* 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 – *O Take My Hand, Dear Father* . . . . . Red **#452**

Isaiah 43:1-7 Old Testament

Sermon – *Called by Name, You Are Mine* . . . . . Pastor Barry Nelson

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

\* Closing Hymn – *I Am Thine, O Lord* . . . . . Red **#471**

\* 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.**

**God’s Constant New Work**

From the beginning of time, God’s pattern has been to continually do new things and make things new. Though we can celebrate this every day, the New Year’s season is especially fitting to pause and recognize God’s work of renewal. Consider the following scriptures and how God is making them real in your own life right now.

[God] has granted us new life to rebuild ... and repair .... (Ezra 9:9)

If [a tree] is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. (Job 14:7)

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3)

See, I am doing a new thing! ... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)

You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. (Is. 62:2)

[God’s] compassions ... are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. (Ezekiel 36:26)

[Jesus] took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.” (Luke 22:20)

Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

**This Week in the Parish - January 12 – 19**

WEDNESDAY 5:30 pm Confirmation at Hope  
7:30 pm Hope WMF - Lesson 11  
SUNDAY 9:00 am Hope Worship  
9:30 am First Am Sunday School  
10:00 am Hope Sunday School  
10:45 am First American Worship w/Noisy Offering for  
SafePlace of Eastern SD  
1:00 pm Hope Annual Meeting

**Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – January 5, 2025**

**First American:** General—\$8326.50. Benevolence—\$80. Sunday School—\$6.  
Budget per Sunday—\$1742.

**Welcome** to worship at Hope and First American Lutheran Churches. May you experience the love of Jesus in the midst of this congregation. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.

Our time of prayer during our corporate 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 send an update to 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. Dawsyn Johnston.  
Brian Mogck. Del & Sue Neumeister.

**Health Needs:** *Richard Jones* (father of Melissa Schmidt). Karalin Lyons (cousin of Katy Brock). Waldon Olson (Pickstown community). Lelund Schoon (son of Coreen Friederich).

**Sympathy:** Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Linda Harris (Parkston community), Wayne Kelly (uncle of Melissa Schmidt), *Kenny Tesch* (father-in-law of Mary Gunnare's sister) and Van Wade (brother of Johnny Wade, Jan Jerke's son-in-law).

**Birthdays:** 12 Wes Will. 14 Darin Ziegler. 15 Lorene Jerke.

**AFLC Churches:** Ebenezer Free Lutheran, Humbolt, TN; Sunberg Free Lutheran, Sunburg, MN; St. Olaf Lutheran, Chamberlain, SD.

**Mission:** Rev. Dr. Wade Mobley AFLC Schools - President



**Lorene Jerke**, member of Hope, will be celebrating her **104<sup>th</sup> birthday** on January 15. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 608 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE, Wessington Springs, SD 57328

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# Today's Readings

January 12, 2025

Baptism of Our Lord

## Psalm 29

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory  
thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;  
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.  
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.**
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

## Epistle

## Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he

lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

## Gospel

## Luke 3:15-22

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them. <sup>19</sup> But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, <sup>20</sup> Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison. <sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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

## Old Testament

## Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. <sup>4</sup> Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."



### **Hope Annual Meeting**

Sunday, January 19

1:00pm

### **First American Annual Meeting**

Sunday, January 26

Potluck meal following the service with meeting starting at 12:45pm

### ***The following positions are up for election at our respective Annual Meetings***

**At Hope** - Mary Gunnare (Financial Secretary) and Michelle Kurtz (Sunday School Superintendent) are eligible for re-election.

Russ Dozark (Deacon), Doug Gunnare (Deacon), Bob Kurtz (Trustee), Barb Dozark (Secretary), and Dave Bitterman (Asst Sunday School Superintendent) have completed two terms and are not eligible for re-election.

Please direct all nominations to a member of the Nominating Committee (Michelle Kurtz, David Bitterman, Barb Dozark).

**At First American** – Tammy Bietz (Treasurer) is eligible for re-election. She has served 5-terms (15 years), but there is no term limit for the office of Treasurer.

Brian Mogck (Deacon), Jordan Ziegler (Trustee), and Dee Mogck (Secretary) have completed two terms and are not eligible for re-election.

Please contact a council member if you would like to nominate anyone for these positions.

**Annual Report** items are due. Please submit your report electronically to Becki Hauser at [rlwalz@santel.net](mailto:rlwalz@santel.net) or Pastor Barry at [blnelson1@gmail.com](mailto:blnelson1@gmail.com).

## **Isaiah 43:1-7**

“Called by Name, You Are Mine”

January 12, 2025

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### **1. Do Not Fear**

### **2. I Have Redeemed You**

### **3. I Have Summoned You by Name**