

Preparation for Worship:

In 1 Corinthians 12, St. Paul wrote to Christians about the many spiritual gifts.

Holy Spirit, show me what gifts I have for serving you.

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 – *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Red **#181**

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

Isaiah 62:1-5 Old Testament

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Epistle

* John 2:1-11 * Gospel

* Confession of Faith (Luther’s Meaning to Third Article of Apostle’s Creed):

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ , my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; in like manner as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in this Christian Church He daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ. This is most certainly true.

* 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.**

*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 of the Day – *Just As I Am, without One Plea* Red **#417**

Psalm 128 Responsive Reading

Sermon – *The Blessings of the Lord* Pastor Barry Nelson

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

* Closing Hymn – *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Red **#152**

* 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.**

MLK on What Really Matters

Exactly two months before his assassination, Martin Luther King Jr. preached his final sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. On February 4, 1968, the civil-rights icon spoke about how he wanted to be remembered at his funeral. He preferred that people recall not his education or achievements but that he “tried to give his life serving others” and “tried to love somebody.”



Adapting a 1952 homily by J. Wallace Hamilton, King decried the “drum major instinct — a desire to be out front, a desire to lead the parade.”

Humans often want to be great and first, as evidenced by the disciples James and John requesting prime seats in paradise. But King urged listeners to focus on the “reordered priorities” of Jesus, who wants us to “be first in love.”

As Jesus showed, “everybody can serve,” King said. Your background or status doesn’t matter, as long as you have “a heart full of grace” and “a soul generated by love.”

This Week in the Parish - January 19 - 25

TODAY!	1:00 pm	Hope Annual Meeting
MONDAY		Newsletter Deadline!
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
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/ Potluck Dinner to follow
	12:45 pm	First American Annual Meeting

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – January 12, 2025

First American: General—\$1553. Benevolence—\$117. Noisy Offering-Safe Place of Eastern SD—\$50. Sunday School—\$16.25. Budget per Sunday—\$1742.

Welcome! Psalm 36 declares God's love to be steadfast, precious and a place of refuge. Welcome, friends. In God, you are loved and safe. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



Just As I Am was chosen by Darold Bitterman. It is a great reminder that God will not only accept us just as we are, but God can use us, just as we are. We should always be willing to do what God calls us to do.

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. Doug Bitterman. Allan Hale.

Dawsyn Johnston. Del & Sue Neumeister.

Health Needs: Stan Hieb (former member of First American). 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), *Van Wade* (brother of Johnny Wade, Jan Jerke's son-in-law) and Shirley Weisser (Tripp Community).

Birthdays: 21 Elsa Ziegler, Tara Droppers. 23 Declyn Schmidt. 24 Jordan Ziegler, Anthony Walz. 25 Connie Anderson.

AFLC Churches: Cross Roads Christian Fellowship, Bastrop, TX; Tamarack Lutheran, Tamarack, MN; Emmanuel Free Lutheran, Eagle Butte, SD.

Mission: Rev. Dr. James Molstre, Dean of Free Lutheran Seminary

Our members in Care Centers: Avera Bormann Manor in Parkston: Elmer Bietz
Avera Weskota Manor in Wessington Springs: Lorene Jerke
Good Samaritan Society-Scotland: Rose Prien
Menno-Olivet Care Center: Elvera Friederich.

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Today's Readings

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Old Testament

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. ²The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. ³You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. ⁵As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. ³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

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

* Gospel

John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ⁴"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." ¹¹What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Sermon Text: Psalm 128

¹ Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him.

² **You will eat the fruit of your labor;
blessings and prosperity will be yours.**

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

⁴ **Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD.**

⁵ May the LORD bless you from Zion;
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

⁶ **May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel.**

Lessons – January 26, 2025 OT – Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19:7-14

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 12:12-18,25-27 Gospel – Luke 4:16-30



Hope Annual Meeting

TODAY!

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 or Pastor Barry at blnelson1@gmail.com.

Psalm 128

“The Blessings of the Lord”

January 19, 2025

1. Bless Our Work

2. Bless Our Families

3. Bless Our Nation