

**Preparation for Worship:**

Wherever you call me to go, Lord, may I respond like Isaiah: "Here I am. Send me" (Isaiah 6:8). And may my time at worship today strengthen me to do just that.

*\*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 Savior, Precious Savior* . . . . . Red **#189**

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 138 Responsive Reading

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20 Epistle

\* Luke 5:1-11 \* Gospel

\* Confession of Faith (Luther's Meaning to the First Article of Apostles' Creed): **I believe that God has created me and all that exists; that He has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, and all my members, my reason and all the powers of my soul, together with food and clothing, home and family, and all my property; that He daily provides abundantly for all the needs of my life, protects me from all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil; and that He does this purely out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all of which I am duty bound to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. 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, 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 – *Jesus Loves Me* . . . . . Red **#369**

Isaiah 6:1-8 Old Testament

Sermon – *Day of Rejoicing* . . . . . Pastor Barry Nelson

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

\* Closing Hymn – *Holy, Holy, Holy* . . . . . Red **#134**

\* 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.**

**Valentines For Kids**

Valentine's Day isn't just for schoolchildren and sweethearts. Loving parents should strive to give their children these life-changing gifts during February and beyond.

*Acceptance:* Say and show that you love children for who they are. Give this gift with a kiss.

*Self-confidence:* Help boost kids' trust in themselves. Give this gift with a hug.

*Peace:* Model how to give your worries to God. Offer this present with laughter.

*Gratitude:* Help children be genuinely thankful for each new day and for all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.

*Faith:* Introduce children to Jesus, the best friend they'll ever have. Do this by taking them to church and Sunday school regularly.



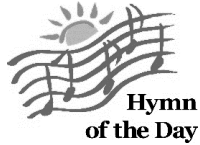
**This Week in the Parish - February 9 - 16**

TUESDAY	7:30 pm	Hope WMF – Lesson 1
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
	7:00 pm	First American Council
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Hope Worship
	9:30 am	First American Sunday School
	10:00 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:45 am	First American Worship with Noisy Offering for the family of Lelund Schoon
MON the 17 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter Deadline!	

**Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – February 3, 2025**

**First American:** General—\$2575. Benevolence—\$110. AFLC Seminary—\$25.  
Sunday School—\$17.35. Budget per Sunday—\$2023.19. **Dennewitz Cemetery**  
**Fence-Fund Total:** \$938.00

**Welcome!** You are more than friends and neighbors; you are family to one another in the Lord. Take a moment to welcome each other in Christ's love. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



*Jesus Loves Me* was chosen by confirmation student, Mya Brock. "It's a simple song with a big message. Even though it's for children, it's important for everyone to remember how much He loves us."

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. Sue Neumeister. Steve Permann.

**Health Needs:** Mary Bartunek (Tripp community). Phyllis Friederich (daughter-in-law of Peggy Friederich). *Ali Geppert* (granddaughter of Russ & Barb Dozark). Richard Jones (father of Melissa Schmidt). Kathy McCracken (former Tripp Community) and Karen Tegethoff (mother of Scott Tegethoff).

**Sympathy:** Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of *Lelund Schoon* (son of Coreen Friederich, custodian at FA).

**Birthdays:** 12 Glenn Ziegler. 14 Samantha Ziegler. 15 Charlee Albers.

**AFLC Churches:** Word of Truth Lutheran, Kopperl, TX; Maranatha Free Lutheran, Ulen, MN; Good Shepherd Free Lutheran, Madison, SD.

**Mission:** Marian Christopherson, AFLC - Parish Ed. Director

**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

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup> I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;  
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

**<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

**<sup>4</sup> May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.**

<sup>5</sup> May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

**<sup>6</sup> Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.  
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
with your right hand you save me.

**<sup>8</sup> The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

<sup>12</sup> So it is with you. Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church. <sup>13</sup> For this reason the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding. <sup>16</sup> Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup> You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified. <sup>18</sup> I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup> But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue. <sup>20</sup> Brothers and sisters, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

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

## Gospel

## Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, “Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

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

## Sermon Text: Old Testament

## Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Lessons – February 16, 2025 Old Testament – Jeremiah 17:5-8 Psalm 1  
Epistle – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel – Luke 6:17-26

## True Love

Many of us celebrate Valentine's Day in both fun and serious ways. Children exchange treats and humorous cards with classmates and friends; some bring home handmade cards for the adults in their lives. Romantic partners may go out to eat and present each other flowers, chocolate, a fancy card — maybe even an engagement ring!

As playful as Valentine's Day can be, it's also a great time to remember the serious side of love, as indicated by these quotes:

"When you love someone, you love the whole person as he or she is, and not as you would like them to be." —Leo Tolstoy

"You don't love someone because they're perfect; you love them in spite of the fact that they're not." —Jodi Picoult

"Love ... is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. ... It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses." —Ann Landers



We can do the difficult work of true love — actions, not just feelings — only because God loved us first. He did (and does) so despite our imperfection, and in Jesus, God shows us how to share true love with others. This Valentine's Day, if you don't remember any other profound quotes, hold this one in your heart: "We love because God first loved us." —1 John 4:19 (NCV)

"Without Valentine's Day, February would be ... well, January."  
—Jim Gaffigan

## Isaiah 6:1-8 "Holy, Holy, Holy "

February 9, 2025

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### 1. Holy Majesty

### 2. Holy Cleansing

### 3. Holy Commission