

**Preparation for Worship:**

I love a good “mountaintop experience,” Jesus, but life isn’t always like that. As you call me into daily, “down-to-earth” ministry, help me follow in good faith.

*\*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 – *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* . . . . . Red **#143**

Communion Exhortation

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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Old Testament

Psalms 99 Responsive Reading

\* Luke 9:28-36 \* 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 of the Day – *I Love to Tell the Story* . . . . . Red **#304**

Hebrews 3:1-6 Epistle

Sermon – *Our Father’s House* . . . . . Pastor Barry Nelson

**MEAL** The Table of Our Lord

Hymn – *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* . . . . . Red **#277**

\* 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.**

Holy Communion

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

\* Closing Hymn – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* . . . . . Red **#245**

\* 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.**

**Two-Way Benefits**

“When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless,” observed Connecticut politician Pauline Kezer. “But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.” Indeed, it’s impossible to shine light in someone else’s life without lighting up your own.

We might think being generous toward another with our time or possessions leaves us with less. But as Jesus said, “Whoever loses their life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 10:39, NIV). How common it is that when we minister to others in Christ’s name, we find we have also — or perhaps even more so — received ministry. This is the miracle of God’s love at work.

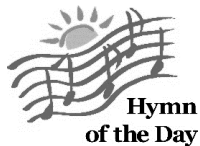
**This Week in the Parish - March 2 - 9**

ASH WED	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
	7:30 pm	Joint Ash Wednesday Worship at Hope With Holy Communion
	8:30 pm	Hope Council
SUNDAY	2:00 am	Daylight Savings Time begins (spring forward)
	9:00 am	Hope Worship
	9:30 am	First American Sunday School
	10:00 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:45 am	First American Worship

**Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – February 23, 2025**

**First American:** General—\$1968. Benevolence—\$110. Sunday School—\$12.  
Budget per Sunday—\$2023.19.

**Welcome to worship**, as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. May God's grace nurture and strengthen you today. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



*I Love to Tell the Story* was chosen by Sam Ziegler. "When I was growing up, my grandma would sing hymns all the time, and this is one she sang to us with such joy and praise."

**Hymn  
of the Day**

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. Bob Kurtz. Sue Neumeister. Steve Permann.

**Health Needs:** Stacy Johnston (mother of Drake Johnston). Richard Jones (father of Melissa Schmidt). Bobbi Toole (sister of Lila Fechner).

**Sympathy:** Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of *Bonnie Bueber* (former member of First American) and Gary Stoebner (Tripp Community).

**Birthdays:** 3 Aaron Nelson, Emily Shipp. 5 Cort Jensen. 7 Sylvester Prusia.

**AFLC Churches:** Faith Lutheran, Weslaco, TX; Good Shepherd Lutheran, Virginia, MN; Pukwana Lutheran, Pukwana, SD.

**Mission:** Rev. Adam Osier, Dean of the Free Lutheran Bible College.

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# Today's Readings

March 2, 2025

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

## Old Testament

## Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, <sup>2</sup>all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.” <sup>5</sup>And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. <sup>6</sup>He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. <sup>7</sup>Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. <sup>8</sup>The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. <sup>9</sup>Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. <sup>12</sup>For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

## Psalm 99

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;  
he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.
- <sup>2</sup> **Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.
- <sup>4</sup> **The King is mighty, he loves justice—you have established equity;  
in Jacob you have done what is just and right.**
- <sup>5</sup> Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.
- <sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel was among those who called on his name;  
they called on the LORD and he answered them.**
- <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **LORD our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain,  
for the LORD our God is holy.

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

## Gospel

## Luke 9:28-36

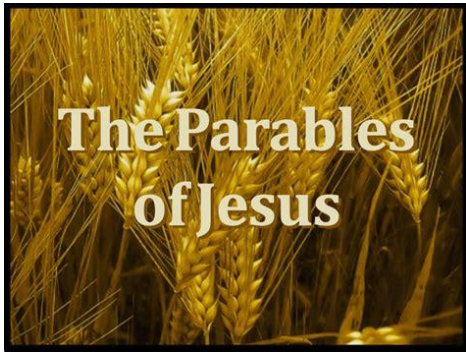
<sup>28</sup> About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) <sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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

## Epistle

## Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup> Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. <sup>5</sup> “Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house,” bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. <sup>6</sup> But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.



Our Lenten theme this year is entitled, “The Parables of Jesus.” Each of our round-robin speakers will focus on a different parable of Jesus. Our round-robin series will conclude with our Good Friday service.

### **Wednesday Lenten Services (7:30pm):**

#### **Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion**

Hope: March 5 – Pastor Barry Nelson

#### **The Parable of the Sower**

First American: March 12 – Darold Bitterman

#### **The Parable of the Foolish Builders**

Hope: March 19 – Maurice Bueber

#### **The Parable of the Wicked Tenants**

First American: March 26 – Pastor Barry Nelson

#### **The Parable of the Great Banquet**

Hope: April 2 – Del Neumeister

#### **The Parable of the Minas**

First American: April 9 – Pastor Kevin Czymbor

#### **Lenten Offerings:**

**First American** – All Nations Family Center on the Rosebud Reservation. This is the ministry served by Johnny and Heidi Wade. Heidi is the daughter of Jan Jerke.

**Hope** – Split equally between Southeastern South Dakota Lutherans for Life ultrasound fund (which supports the ultrasound ministry of the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls) and the Douglas County Food Pantry.



**Lenten Suppers (6-7pm):** There is a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex of both congregations asking for volunteers to help with preparing and serving the Lenten meals. First American will serve soup suppers on March 12, 26 and April 9, and Hope will be serving soup on March 19 and tacos on April 2.

## **Hebrews 3:1-6**

“Our Father’s House”

March 2, 2025

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### **1. Moses – Faithful Servant IN God’s House**

### **2. Jesus – Faithful Son OVER God’s House**

### **3. Church – Faithful AS God’s Holy House**