

This Week in the Parish - March 16 - 23

TODAY!	7:00 pm	First American Council
TUESDAY	7:30pm	Hope WMF - Lesson 2
	7:30pm	First American WMF - Lessons 1 & 2
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
	6-7:00 pm	Soup Supper at Hope
	7:30 pm	Joint Lenten Worship at Hope Leader: Maurice Bueber
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
	6:30 pm	Community Youth Group at First American

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – March 9, 2025

First American: General—\$1541. Benevolence—\$20. Sunday School—\$18.
Budget per Sunday—\$2023.19. **Dennewitz Cemetery Fence-Fund** Total: \$988.00

Welcome to worship, as we journey through the season of Lent, seeking to grow in faith, hope and love. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



Amazing Grace was chosen by Bob Kurtz. “It’s my favorite hymn,” and as we sing it, “I think of [John] Newton (the author), and how he became a Christian after being a slave trader.”

Prayer in 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 will be in italics.

Health Needs of our Members: Doug Bitterman. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Bob Kurtz. Sue Neumeister. Steve Permann.

Health Needs: *Dale Brown* (brother-in-law of Dee Mogck and Judy Schelske). *Stacy Johnston* (mother of Drake Johnston). Richard Jones (father of Melissa Schmidt). Jeanette Tiede (sister of Lila Fechner).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Sandy Baier (member of Hope), *Gary Stoebner* (Tripp Community), and George Verzani (former Tripp).

Birthdays: 16 Myra Weber. 17 Brice Caery. 18 Brayden Ziegler. 19 Steve Permann.

AFLC Churches: Calvary Lutheran, Everett, WA; Dovre Free Lutheran, Winger, MN; Slim Buttes Lutheran, Reva, SD. **Mission:** Abbott House in Mitchell, SD

Prayer for military personnel:

Andrew Hanson: Hope member. Stationed in Kentucky; Army.
Austin Lien: nephew of Glenn & Tammy Ziegler. Stationed in Washington; Navy

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Today's Readings

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

² **How long will you people turn my glory into shame?**

How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ **Tremble and do not sin;**

when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.

⁶ **Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"**

Let the light of your face shine on us.

⁷ Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.

⁸ **In peace I will lie down and sleep,**

for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Epistle

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. ⁴ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

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

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

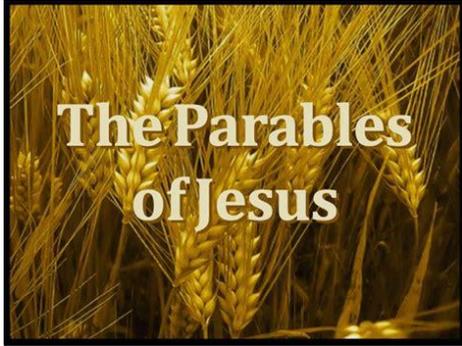
³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." ³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.'" ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

Sermon Text: Old Testament

Jeremiah 26:8-15

⁸ But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die!" ⁹ Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" ¹² Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. ¹³ Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. ¹⁵ Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."



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):

The Parable of the Sower

Online at FAHope.org – 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 26 and April 9, and Hope will be serving soup on March 19 and tacos on April 2.

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“Hard Truths”

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1. Proclaimed

2. Rejected

3. Defended