

This Week in the Parish - March 9 - 16

WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	Confirmation at Hope
	6-7:00 pm	Soup Supper at First American
	7:30 pm	Joint Lenten Worship at First American Leader: Darold Bitterman
SATURDAY	8:30 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast at First American
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 Dennewitz Cemetery Fence Project
	7:00 pm	First American Council

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – March 2, 2025

First American: General—\$2884. Benevolence—\$60. AFLC Home Missions—\$50. Noisy Offering for Dennewitz Cemetery Fence Fund—\$50. Sunday School—\$14. Budget per Sunday—\$2023.19. **Dennewitz Cemetery Fence**-Fund Total: \$988.00

Welcome to worship, The apostle Paul wrote: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13). So we call on God's name and rejoice! Welcome. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.

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). *Bobbi Toole* (sister of Lila Fechner).

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

Sandy died Tuesday, March 4th at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls at the age of 78 years. Her funeral was Friday, March 7th at Hope Lutheran in Delmont.

We commit Sandy to God's glory and everlasting life.

Birthdays: 9 Mary Gunnare, Sue Neumeister. 10 Mya Brock, Dorothy Jerke. 11 Karen (Pinky) Huether. 12 Adriana Bueber.

AFLC Churches: Atonement Free Lutheran, Arlington, WA; Zion Free Lutheran, Wadena, MN; Shiloh Free Lutheran, Black Hawk, SD.

Mission: Jonathan & Tamba Abel, AFLC missionaries in Brazil.

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

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First Sunday in Lent

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ²take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. ¹¹Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

Psalms 91:1-13

- ¹Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- ²**I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."**
- ³Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
- ⁴**He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find
refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**
- ⁵You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶**nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.**
- ⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
- ⁸**You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.**

- ⁹If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
¹⁰**no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.**
- ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
¹²**they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

Epistle

Romans 10:8b-13

⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

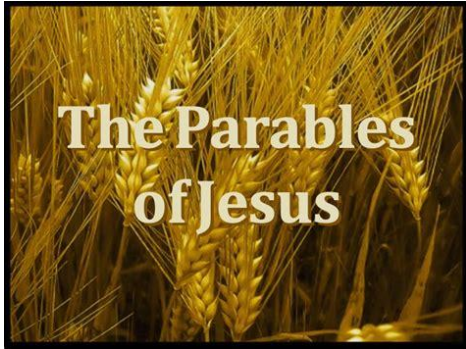
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Gospel

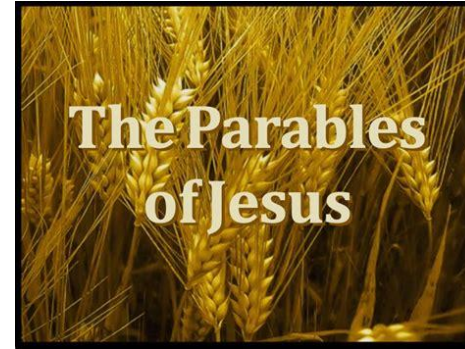
Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" ⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to." ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" ⁹The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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



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