Preparation for Worship: God, when I'm tempted to trust other people or things more than you, lead me by your Spirit, as you led Jesus in the wilderness. Amen.

*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: Now this I know: The Lord gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand. (Psalm 20:6)

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn – Be Thou My Vision Red #607

Confession of Sin: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Kyrie (sung. p. 3): O God the Fa-ther in heav-en, have mer-cy up-on us! O God the Son, Re-deem-er of the world, have mer-cy up-on us! O God the Ho-ly Ghost, true Com-fort-er, have mer-cy up-on us!

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 26:1-11 Old Testament

Psalm 91:1-13 Responsive Reading

Romans 10:8b-13 Epistle

- * Confession of Faith (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 – Jesus Loves Me Red #369

* Gospel * Luke 4:1-13

Sermon – Temptations Del Neumeister

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

- * Closing Hymn From Every Stormy Wind That Blows Red #585
- * 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.



Jesus Loves Me was chosen by Kristie Bueber. "This was a favorite song of mine growing up and the first song we tried to Hymn teach our kids. It reminds us that no matter what, Jesus loves of the Day us because the Bible tells us so."

The Stewardship of Life

"Life is an accomplishment. Each moment has a meaning and you must use it. Life is given to you like a flat piece of land and everything has to be done. I hope that when I'm finished, my piece of land will be a beautiful garden."

-Actress Jeanne Moreau

The question each of us must deal with as Christian stewards is what our "piece of land" will be like when God tells us we are finished with it.



Next Sunday at First American, our Noisy Offering will be collected for the Dennewitz Cemetery Fence Project. The estimated cost for the project is \$7500 + concrete. The Dennewitz Cemetery is located approximately five miles east of Tripp, just off SD Hwy 18.

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 <u>Sandy Baier</u> (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

March 9, 2025

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, ² take 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 ³ and 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." ⁴ The 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. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. 8 So 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; ¹⁰ and 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. 11 Then 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.

Psalm 91:1-13

- ¹ Whoever 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."
- ³ Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.
- ⁴He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- ⁵ You 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.
- ⁷ A 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.

- ⁹ If 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.
- ¹¹ For 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.
- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

Epistle

Romans 10:8b-13

⁸ But 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: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For 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. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

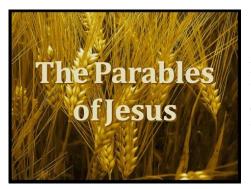
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

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

Lessons – March 16, 2025 Old Testament – Jeremiah 26:8-15 Psalm 4 Epistle – Philippians 3:17-4:1 Gospel – Luke 13:31-35



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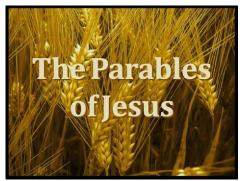
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