

Preparation for Worship:

I'm grateful for the mix of doubt and faith the disciples exhibited; it puts me in good company. Jesus, bless me with increased belief, even when I cannot see you in person.

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: **Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

Opening Prayer (Psalm 148:13)

* Opening Hymn – *Jesus All Glorious* Red **#113**

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,#205, v. 4) **He sent His Son with pow'r to save, From guilt and dark-ness, and the grave: Won-ders of grace to God be-long; Re-peat His mer-cies in your song.**

Declaration of Grace

Prayers of the Church (P: Lord in Your mercy C: **Hear our prayer.**)

WORD – We seek guidance from God's Word

Acts 5:12-26	New Testament
Psalm 148:7-14	Responsive Reading
* John 20:19-23	* Gospel

* Confession of Faith (Luther's Meaning to Third Article of Apostle's Creed):

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; in like manner as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in this Christian Church He daily forgives abundantly all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Christ. 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 – *God Loves Me Dearly* Red **#370**

Revelation 1:9-18 Epistle

Sermon – *The First and the Last* Pastor Barry Nelson

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

* Closing Hymn – *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* Red **#157**

* 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.**

Congratulations to Dylan Mogck and Jennifer Kendall on the birth of their son, Luka Edgar Petey Mogck. Luka was born on Wednesday, April 16 and weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Luka joins big sister, Kynzlee. Proud grandparents are Brian & Dee Mogck and great-grandmother, Norma Mogck.



Congratulations to Cody & Brandi Dozark on the birth of their son, Odin Dean Dozark. Odin was born on Tuesday, April 8 and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Odin joins big brother, Edwin. Proud grandparents are Russ & Barb Dozark.

Jazayah Thomas Tegethoff, son of Scott & Jaymie Tegethoff, will be baptized today at Hope. He was born on October 29, 2016. "We welcome this child into the Lord's family!"



This Week in the Parish - April 27 – May 4

TODAY!	6:30 pm	Community Youth Group at First American
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Hope Worship with Holy Communion and Confirmation of Josh Tegethoff & Evan Brock
	9:30 am	First American Sunday School
	10:00 am	Hope Sunday School
	10:45 am	First American Worship with Holy Communion

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – April 20, 2025

First American: General—\$725. Benevolence—\$10. Easter Offering for John Lee, AFLC missionary in Brazil and Life 96.5 radio—\$1260. Lent Offering for All Nations Family Center—\$75. Noisy Offering for Dale Brown (medical expenses)—\$25. Dennewitz Cemetery Fence Fund—\$1500. Budget per Sunday—\$2023.19.
Dennewitz Cemetery Fund Total: \$7700.05

Welcome! After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate many responses: not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion. Welcome to worship — no matter where you are on your faith journey. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



**Hymn
of the Day**

God Loves Me Dearly was chosen in honor of Jazayah Tegethoff's baptism. May we never get tired of saying again and again how much God loves us and how much we love Him.

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. Sue Neumeister. Kaylene Prusia. Peggy Friederich.

Health Needs: Matt Benck (friend of Kaylene Prusia). Jim Fousek (son-in-law of Bob & Karen Just). Dennis Nelson (uncle of Pastor Barry)

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Bertha Friederich (Tripp Community), Elmer Keller (former Tripp Community), Charles Reckard (grandfather of Christian Jensen), Lorna Weisser (Tripp/Delmont Community) and Betty Wormsbecher (Tripp Community).

AFLC Churches: Our Savior's Free Lutheran, Mason, WI; Trinity Lutheran, Boscobel, WI; Trondhjem Lutheran, Volin, SD.

Mission: Emmaus Lutheran Church Tripp, SD

Prayer for military personnel:

Andrew Hanson: Hope member. Stationed in Kentucky; Army.

Austin Lien: nephew of Glenn & Tammy Ziegler. Stationed in Washington; Navy

"Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing."

—Frederick Buechner

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Today's Readings

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

New Testament

Acts 5:12-26

¹² The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. ¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. ¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed. ¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life." ²¹ At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²² But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ²³ "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." ²⁴ On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to. ²⁵ Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." ²⁶ At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

Psalms 148:7-14

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ **lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,**

⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ **wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,**

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² **young men and women, old men and children.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ **And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.**
(Unison) **Praise the LORD.**

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

Gospel

John 20:19-23

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

* Response (sung): **Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

Sermon Text: Epistle

Revelation 1:9-18

⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea." ¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Earth-Shaking Victory

On Ash Wednesday in 2001, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake shook the Seattle area. Charlie and Ann Lewis, co-pastors in Snohomish, Washington, reflected on the timing:

“While most years we prefer to think of Lent as a contemplative journey of faith as we walk with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the cross, this year we are thinking of how God turned the world upside down at Calvary. From the cross, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and his life was finished. Then the earth shook violently, the curtain in the temple was torn in two and rocks were split apart. The God who identified with us in our humanity in the incarnation of Jesus Christ demonstrated in that moment the depth of divine love for us — a love that leads God to choose the path of suffering and sacrifice.

“Three days later, the earth shook again — another violent earthquake, and the stone in front of the tomb was rolled away. Then the crucified Christ threw aside the burial cloths, emerging from the darkness of the tomb to walk in the dew of the grass as dawn was breaking across the sky. God had declared victory over sin and death itself. That victory was for us. ... God has given us a glorious life that extends into eternity.



Revelation 1:9-18

“First and the Last”

April 27, 2025

1. John the Revelator

2. Jesus Revealed

3. Victory Proclaimed