

Preparation for Worship:

Thank you, God, for the special women in my life [mom, grandmas, aunts, nieces, friends, wife, daughters]. I pray for their well-being.

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 – *Now Thank We All Our God* Red **#145**

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 20:17-35 New Testament

Psalm 23 Responsive Reading

* John 10:22-30 * Gospel

* 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 – *On Eagles' Wings* Blue **#779**

Revelation 7:9-17 Epistle

Sermon – *The Lamb and the Shepherd* Pastor Barry Nelson

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

* Closing Hymn – *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* Red **#97**

* 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.**



A Prayer for Mother's Day

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of children and families. Help us rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout our days.

We pray that our children will love you, worship you and serve you with their God-given gifts. Grant us the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent us from provoking our children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our households with abiding love and respect. And help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week in the Parish - May 11 - 18

TODAY	10:00 am	Last day - Hope Sunday School
TUESDAY	7:30 pm	Hope WMF – Lesson 3
WEDNESDAY	7:30 pm	First American Council
SATURDAY	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast at First American
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Hope Worship
	9:30 am	Last day - First American Sunday School
	10:45 am	First American Worship with Senior Recognition & Noisy Offering for Lutheran Ambassador
	6:30pm	Community Youth Group at First American

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts –May 4, 2025

First American: General—\$2850. Benevolence—\$40. Sunday school—\$15. AFLC Seminary—\$50. VBS Bibles—\$135. Budget per Sunday—\$2023.19.

Welcome, and Happy Mother's Day! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, Jesus our Good Shepherd loves and cares for us without fail. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



**Hymn
of the Day**

On Eagles' Wings, selected by Candyce Mogck, conveys "the secure feeling of strength and power of how God holds us in His love."

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).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Bertha Friederich, Lyla Hirsch and Betty Wormsbecher (all Tripp Community).

Birthdays: 13 Kelly Naslund. 16 Jan Jerke

Anniversary: 15 Glen & Cindy Batterman.

AFLC Churches: Our Redeemer Free Lutheran, Wallace, WI; Superior Faith Lutheran of Running Valley, Colfax, WI; Egeland Lutheran, Waubay, SD.

Mission: Lutherans for Life

Our members in Care Centers: Avera Bormann Manor in Parkston: Elmer Bietz
Avera Weskota Manor in Wessington Springs: Lorene Jerke
Good Samaritan Society-Scotland: Delaine Geuther, Rose Prien
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Today's Readings

May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson

Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷ From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. ¹⁹ I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. ²⁰ You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. ²¹ I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. ²² "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace. ²⁵ "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶ Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. ²⁷ For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. ³² "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. ³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,**

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no
evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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

Gospel

John 10:22-30

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

* 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 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" ¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"



Vacation Bible School June 16 - 20, 2025

Monday 8:15am-12:00pm

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm

A Community VBS held at Friedens Reformed Church – Tripp
Sponsored by: Friedens Reformed Church, Hope Lutheran Church,
& First American Lutheran Church

Jesus said..., “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”
John 14:6

Closing Program

Friedens Reformed Church in Tripp

Friday, June 20 at 7:30 pm

(root beer floats and fellowship following program)

Sign up online today!



Printed registration forms can also be found in the narthex
at FA and Hope.

Next VBS planning meeting: May 28th at 7:30pm at
Friedens.

Use QR code or go to
www.fahope.org/vbs



Revelation 7:9-17

“The Lamb and the Shepherd”

May 11, 2025

1. Great Multitude

2. Cleansed by the Lamb

3. Cared for by the Shepherd