

Preparation for Worship:

Jesus, you are the stable rock on which I stand, the warm water in which I float peacefully, the fragrant air that energizes my being. In you I rest and am strengthened for faithful living.

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)

* Hymn of the Day – *I Serve a Risen Savior* Red **#527**

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.**)

Senior Recognition – Brayden Ziegler and Jacey Friman

WORD – We seek guidance from God's Word

Acts 11:1-18 New Testament

Psalm 148:1-6 Responsive Reading

* John 16:12-22 * Gospel

* Confession of Faith (Luther's Meaning to the First Article of Apostles' Creed):
I believe that God has created me and all that exists; that He has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, and all my members, my reason and all the powers of my soul, together with food and clothing, home and family, and all my property; that He daily provides abundantly for all the needs of my life, protects me from all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil; and that He does this purely out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all of which I am duty bound to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. 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 (chosen by Sherry Friman) – *Borning Cry* Blue **#770**

Revelation 21:1-8 Epistle

Sermon – *The Alpha and the Omega* Pastor Barry Nelson

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

* Hymn (chosen by Amanda Ziegler) –

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters Blue **#697**

* 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.**

Seizing Holy Opportunities

In Holy Moments, Matthew Kelly discusses the world's need for more small (but sometimes large) instances of people caring for others, cultivating joy, encouragement and love instead of anger, envy, fear. Kelly defines a Holy Moment as "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. ... You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is telling you to do."

This may mean mowing the lawn for a neighbor with a broken leg, praising a child on his artwork, buying a surprise snack for someone having a bad day, working extra shifts for a coworker with cancer so she can receive her full salary while out sick, paying for the next car's drive-thru order. Anyone can create a Holy Moment, because you don't need special skills, position or wealth. "If you want to see miracles, make yourself available to God," Kelly suggests.

He adds that God has a track record of collaborating with "the most unlikely people to make amazing things happen, and now He wants to collaborate with you." When we're open to God's leading, holy opportunities abound. And we will experience as much joy as the ones to whom we show care.

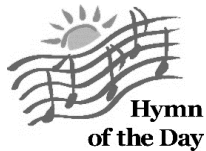
This Week in the Parish - May 18 - 25

TODAY 6:30pm Community Youth Group at First American
WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm First American WMF – Lesson 5
THURSDAY Newsletter Deadline!
SUNDAY 9:00 am Hope Worship
10:45 am First American Worship with Holy Communion &
Confirmation of Leah Dewald

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – May 11, 2025

First American: General—\$805. Benevolence—\$90. VBS Bibles—\$135. Sunday school—\$16. Budget per Sunday—\$2023.19.

Welcome! Psalm 148 calls all creation to praise the Lord. We join with springtime blooms and buds, more hours of sunlight, newborn animals, singing birds and greening landscapes. Welcome to worship! Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



I Serve a Risen Savior was selected by Mike Fechner saying, "I love the wonderful messages in this song." What a great reminder that Easter is something to celebrate every day!

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. Delaine Geuther. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Sue Neumeister. Kaylene Prusia. Peggy Friederich.

Health Needs:

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

Birthdays: 20 Russ Dozark. 22 Brian Mogck.

AFLC Churches: Christ the King Lutheran, Wilson, WI; Christ Is Lord Lutheran, Onalaska, WI; Tabor Lutheran, Webster, SD.

Mission: AFLC Lutheran Ambassador

Prayer for military personnel:

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

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

Congratulations High School Graduates!

Tripp-Delmont Graduates

Jacey Friman
Brayden Ziegler



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Today's Readings

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

New Testament Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' ⁸ "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. ¹¹ "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.' ¹⁵ "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Psalms 148:1-6

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

² **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,

⁶ **and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

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

Lessons – May 25, 2025 First Lesson – Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67

Epistle – Revelation 21:9-14,21-27 Gospel – John 16:25-33

Gospel

John 16:12-22

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." ¹⁶ Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me." ¹⁷ At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying." ¹⁹ Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?" ²⁰ Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

* 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 21:1-8

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

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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!



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



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.

Revelation 21:1-8

“The Alpha and the Omega”

May 18, 2025

1. The New Jerusalem

2. Bring in the New

3. Throw Out the Old