

Preparation for Worship: Jesus says: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27, NIV).

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 – *Thine Is the Glory* Red **#98**

Communion Exhortation

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.**)

* 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 for melody) **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.**

Confirmation of Leah Dewald

Hymn of the Day – *The Old Rugged Cross* Red **#78**

WORD – We seek guidance from God’s Word

Acts 16:9-15 New Testament
Psalm 67 Responsive Reading
* John 16:25-33 * Gospel

*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

Revelation 21:9-14,21-27 Epistle

Sermon – *The Temple and the Lamp* Pastor Barry Nelson

* Closing Hymn – *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Red **#293**

MEAL The Table of Our Lord

* 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.**

Holy Communion – First Table: Dewald Family

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

* 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. Amen.**

* Dismissal L: Go in Peace, and Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

“He ascended into heaven...”

During His earthly ministry, Jesus could be physically present in only one place at any given time. “Only those could speak to Him who came to where He was,” explained Archbishop William Temple. “If He was in Galilee, people could not find Him in Jerusalem; if He was in Jerusalem, they could not find Him in Galilee” (from Readings in St. John’s Gospel).

Spiritually speaking, Christ’s Ascension means He is with us wherever we find ourselves. Christ desires to be present with us everywhere we go. His presence is universal. He is here now. “Believed on in the world, was taken up in glory” (1 Timothy 3:16, NIV) — that is what the Ascension affirms.



This Week in the Parish - May 25 – June 1

WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm VBS Meeting at Friedens
THURSDAY 7:30 pm Joint Ascension Day Worship at First American
SUNDAY 9:00 am Hope Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 am First American Worship with Holy Communion

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – May 18, 2025

First American: General—\$2565. Benevolence—\$75. Noisy Offering for the Lutheran Ambassador—\$63.42. Dennewitz Cemetery Fund—\$50. Sunday school—\$21. Budget per Sunday—\$2023.19. *Dennewitz Cemetery Fence Fund*
Total: \$7800.05

Welcome! Children of God, siblings of Christ: The Holy Spirit has called us here to worship together. Guests, please sign the book in the narthex.



**Hymn
of the Day**

The Old Rugged Cross was selected by Leah Dewald as her confirmation hymn. "This reminds me that Jesus died on the cross to forgive my sins. He shed his blood for all of us."

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

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of *Velda Ehresmann*, (Tripp Community).

Birthdays: 25 Brileigh Ziegler. 27 James Byykkonen. 28 Ryan Permann. 30 Sara Bitterman, Jill Hoff.

Anniversary: 25 Michael & Barb Will. 26 Bob & Michelle Kurtz. 31 Dave & Mary Bitterman

AFLC Churches: Peace Lutheran, St. Francis, KS; Resurrection Free Lutheran, San Juan, PR; Hope Free Ev. Lutheran, Killdeer, ND.

Mission: AFLC Ambassador Publications - Serving congregations and individuals by providing Biblical Lutheran Educational Devotional Resources to encourage diligent and faithful teaching of God's Word.

Local Programs on Memorial Day (Monday, May 26):

Delmont: 10:30 am at Legion Hall;

Speakers: Kenneth Wieting & Stephen Gallo

Tripp: 10am at the Legion Hall; Speaker: Brian Sandau

Both programs will be followed by lunch & refreshments



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Today's Readings

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. ¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Psalm 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us-

² **so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.**

³ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the
peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.**

⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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

Gospel

John 16:25-33

²⁵ "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷ No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." ²⁹ Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. ³⁰ Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God." ³¹ "Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. ³² "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. ³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

* 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 21:9-14,21-27

⁹ One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. ¹³ There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. ¹⁴ The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass. ²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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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.

HELP WANTED:

HOPE: Hope is looking for someone to clean the church. If you are interested or if you have a suggestion, please contact Pastor Barry or a council member.

FIRST AMERICAN: 1) Stained Glass Committee – We need help choosing potential designs for new stained glass windows for the side aisle sanctuary doors. If you have general ideas or are interested in joining a group to help, call/text Pastor Barry at 612-868-0789.

2) Baptismal Napkin Embroidery: First American is looking for a volunteer(s) to embroider crosses on new baptismal napkins. Contact Pastor Barry or Wilma Herr if interested.

Revelation 21:9-14,21-27

"The Temple and the Lamp"

May 25, 2025

1. The Entrance of His Bride

2. The Temple of His Bride

3. The Lamp for His Bride

*Dear friend,
we rejoice that you now desire
to make public profession
of your faith and
assume greater responsibility
in the life of
First American Lutheran Church
and its mission in the world.*



On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Leah Dewald

Daughter of Glen & Lori Dewald

Birth date: November 9, 2010

Baptism: January 2, 2011

Friedens Reformed Church, Tripp, SD

Confirmation: May 25, 2025

First American Lutheran Church, Tripp, SD

Confirmation verse: Acts 2:25-28

*David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."*

