



Preparation for Worship: Grant, O Lord, that in the beauty of your house, we may sense again your profound love.

*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: **For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.** (Isaiah 44:3)

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn – *O God, beneath Thy Guiding Hand* Red **#633**

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, #129, v.2) **Speak Thy pard’ning grace to me, Set the burdened sinner free; Lead me to the Lamb of God; Wash me in His precious blood.**

Declaration of Grace

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

WORD We seek guidance from God’s Word

Psalms 25:1-9 Responsive Reading

Acts 2:1-8,12-21,40-41 New Testament

* John 7:37-39 * Gospel

* Confession of Faith (Luther’s Meaning - 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 – *Saints of God, the Dawn Is Brightening* Red **#318**

* John 7:37-39 Gospel

Sermon – *Rivers of Life* Pastor Barry Nelson

MEAL The Table of Our Lord

Hymn – *O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near* Red **#279**

Holy Communion **p.35-38**

Nunc Dimittis: **Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen**

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. A-men.**

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

Grateful for Those Who Gave All

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave “the last full measure of devotion” for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



This Week in the Parish - May 24 – 31

TODAY 3:00 pm Lutherans for Life at First American
WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm VBS Meeting at Friedens
SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship at First American
10:45 am Worship at Hope

Rejoicing in your presence & gifts – May 10, 2026

First American: General—\$2060. Benevolence—\$26. Noisy Offering for Ronald McDonald House—\$218.43. AFLC Bible College—\$25. Budget per Sun—\$2068.

Welcome! Families and friends, visitors from far and near are all welcomed in the name of Christ. Let us join with hearts and hands, bodies and spirits in worshiping the Creator of us all - with rejoicing! Please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Barry and sign our guest register as you leave.

Prayer in our corporate worship service is very important. To maintain a current prayer list, requests for non-members will be 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: Mike Fechner. Allan Hale. Dawsyn Johnston. Robert Kurtz. Norma Mogck. Sue Neumeister. Tammy Ziegler.

Health Needs: Andrew Bitterman. Mike Brezina (Tripp Community). Karalin Lyons (cousin of Katy Brock). Renee Marsh (Tripp community).

Sympathy: Prayers of comfort for the family & friends of *Gary Frank* (friend of Mike & Lila Fechner), Richard Jones (father of Melissa Schmidt), Sharon Ulmer (former Hope member) and Dennis Ziebart (uncle of Craig Hauser).

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

Anniversaries: 25 Michael & Barb Will. 26 Bob & Michelle Kurtz.

AFLC Churches: Christ Lutheran, Stover, MO; Hope Lutheran, Northome, MN; First English Lutheran of Lostwood, Stanley, ND.

Mission: AFLC Ambassador Publications

Doing the tough things today prepares us for the big things tomorrow.
—Zig Ziglar

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Today's Readings

May 24, 2026

The Day of Pentecost

Old Testament

Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. ²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” ²⁹ But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰ Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Psalm 25:1-9

¹ In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

² **I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

⁴ **Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.**

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶ **Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

⁸ **Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Lessons – May 31, 2026 Old Testament – Genesis 1:1-2:3 Psalm 8
Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17

New Testament

Acts 2:1-8,12-21,40-41

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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

Gospel

John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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Community
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John 7:37-39

"Rivers of Life"

May 24, 2026

A Community VBS sponsored by
First American Lutheran Church, Friedens Reformed Church
and Hope Lutheran Church
Held at Friedens Reformed Church – Tripp

June 15 - 19, 2026

Monday 8:15am-12:00pm
Tuesday – Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm
Closing Program:
Friday, June 19 at 7:30pm



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

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. –Psalm 23: 1-2*

1. Waters of Life

2. Jesus, the Giver

3. Holy Spirit, the Gift