

AES MINISTRIES
EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

Mission statement of AES Ministries

Welcome to all who worship with us today!

WORSHIP SETTING 3 – SENIOR RECOGNITION

PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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GATHERING SONG "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

ELW # 389

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

C: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.

Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SENIOR RECOGNITION

FIRST READING Acts 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**

⁵ In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶ **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰ **Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God, word of Life C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"

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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 17:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O God.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Soon and Very Soon"

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**APOSTLES' CREED
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

back of the hymnal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Create in Me”

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

front of the hymnal

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#543

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, Love and serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**



Lector: Cathy Anderson

May 24: Sonja Coleman

Ushers: Bruce and JoAnn

Prayer Concerns: Francey Anderson, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Brenda Watson, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.

Praises: Our graduates: Erick Avila, Jenavieve Knaack, Vivian Leach, Lydia Overson, Ava Spitzner, and Peyton Wolner.

After the service everyone is invited to come **celebrate with Erick** in the basement.

Order forms for the Youth **Beef Bouquet Fundraiser** are on the table in the narthex.

If you want to help a camper – grab an envelope from the poster on the window in the entry!

An Open House for Paul's Retirement, **Potluck and Pie for Political Paul**, is Friday, May 22nd starting at 4:00 pm at 19572 Oak Shores Rd., Hanska. Beverages provided. Please bring folding chair.
507-380-4713

A sponsor is needed for the **May 31st broadcast**. If you are interested, contact Susan. Thank you.

The **June newsletter deadline** is Thursday the 20th.

The **VBS Station Leaders** meet at 6:30 pm tonight at First Presbyterian.

May 31st is a **Joint Service Sunday – 10:00 am at East**. The **Noisy Offering** will go to camperships.

WELLSPRING Coffee & Conversation Thursday the 21st, 3 pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Madelia.
“Basic First Aid for Older Adults”. Coffee & Cookies. Please RSVP WELLSPRING at (507)375-1276

Activities this week: May 18 – May 24

Monday 3:00 pm Study Group, East
Tuesday 2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday June Newsletter Deadline

PENTECOST

Sunday 9:00 am Worship, East
 10:30 am Worship, Augustana
 11:30 am Radio Broadcast 1370AM

