

# AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Seventh Sunday after Easter

May 17, 2026 10:30 AM

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

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today!

## PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LEFT COLUMN, ELW p. 94

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*One of the following or another confession is prayed.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess**  
**that we are captive to sin**  
**and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you**  
**with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved**  
**our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**For the sake**  
**of your Son, Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*“All Are Welcome”*

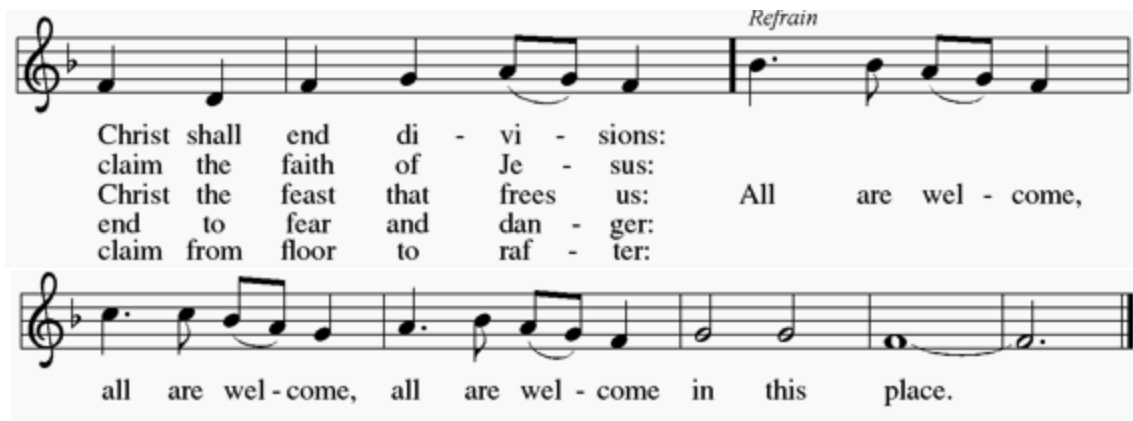
vs 1, 4, 5 ELW #641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



*Refrain*

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:  
 all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

**GREETING**

**ELW p. 138**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: 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.**

**RICHARD LARSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION**

**GRADUATION QUILT CEREMONY**

**See Red Insert**

**P:** Today we celebrate our graduating from High School seniors and the transitions that these young people and their families are experiencing. As a congregation we care for and love our neighbors in all phases of life and this day we celebrate and pray for those who are taking this step. Will the parents of those graduating from High School and the graduates, please come forward.

Parents, in Christian love you presented your children for Holy Baptism. In their Baptisms, sacred promises were made. As parents of these young people, it was part of your calling to see that those sacred promises were kept:

To faithfully bring them to the services of God's house,  
 To teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments,  
 To place in their hands the Holy Scriptures  
 And to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith.

You have fulfilled those promises. We ask you now to partner with this congregation for the ongoing support of these young people's faith journeys. Do you intend to routinely lift your child up in prayer?

**Parents: "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."**

**P:** Congregation, do you promise to support and encourage these parents in the keeping of these sacred promises?

**Congregation: "We will, with God's help."**

**P:** *(To Graduates)* As a Child of God and follower of Jesus in a community of faith we remember God's presence and action in our lives as we live in God's grace. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

To live among God's faithful people

To hear God's Word and share in his supper

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus

And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Graduates: "I do and I ask God to help and guide me."**

**P:** Dear Friends in Christ, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe and comforted. Very soon you will be launching a new life, away from the safety and security of this home, family, church, and community.

**P:** As you go out into the world, we are gifting you with a quilt, a reminder of our love as a Christian community. May these quilts help you remember that God is always with you.

**Presentation of the Quilts:** *Graduates are invited to kneel. Parents wrap their child in the quilt and lay hands on them to bless the Graduate.*

**Parents/Family Members: (Say your child's name),** we come this day before God to bless you and thank the Creator for the gift you have been to us. You have given our lives a deeper meaning and a deeper calling. Through you, we have come to understand the nature of God's love, of joy, of forgiveness. We thank God today for the gift that you have been to our lives. Wherever you go, you will always be a part of us. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will always be a part of our hearts.

We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. May this quilt remind you of our love, the warmth of this faith community and the power of the Holy Spirit.

## FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> 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.” <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.  
<sup>2</sup> **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.**  
<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.  
<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**  
<sup>5</sup> In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;  
<sup>6</sup> **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**  
<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,  
<sup>8</sup> **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.**  
<sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.  
<sup>10</sup> **Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**  
<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.  
<sup>33</sup> **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**  
<sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.  
<sup>35</sup> **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

## SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. L: Word of God, Word of Life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*"Alleluia"*

ELW p. 142

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.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> "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. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> 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**



1 “I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 “I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 “I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



*Refrain*  
 Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine.” *To stanzas 3 and 4*

## APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 105

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your Mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer

**Prayer Concerns:** *Francey Anderson, Laikyn, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Nolan O'Connor, 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.*

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"Give Thanks"

Insert in Pew

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, - give thanks to the

4 Am Bb F/A F Eb

Ho - ly One; - Give thanks - be-cause He's giv - en Je - sus Christ, - His

8 1. Gm<sup>7</sup>/C C<sup>7</sup> Am/C 2, 3. Gm<sup>7</sup>/C C<sup>7</sup> C/B<sup>b</sup> VERSE Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C/D Dm<sup>7</sup>

Son. \_\_\_\_\_ Give Son. \_\_\_\_\_ And now let the weak say, "I am

12 Gm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/C C B<sup>b</sup>/D C/E Fmaj<sup>7</sup> Am/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C/D Dm<sup>7</sup>

strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has

16 Last time to Coda 1. Gm<sup>7</sup>/C C<sup>7</sup> C/B<sup>b</sup> 2. Gm<sup>7</sup>/C C<sup>7</sup> Am/C D.S. al Coda

done for \_\_\_\_\_ us; \_\_\_\_\_ And us. \_\_\_\_\_ Give

19 ENDING Gm<sup>7</sup>/C C<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/C F Fmaj<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>/F F

us. Give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

## Offertory Prayer

Scan this QR Code to give Electronically!



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 145

**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.**

## BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 bless you now and forever.

C: Amen



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Activities this week: May 18 – May 24**

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group  
Tuesday Office Closed  
9:00 am – Sewing Circle  
2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv  
Wednesday **Newsletter Deadline**  
Sunday 9:00 am – (E) Worship  
9:30 am – (A) Coffee Hour  
10:30 am – (A) Worship  
11:30 am – Radio Broadcast on 1370AM

**Church Announcements**

† **Congratulations to our AES Seniors:**

**From Augustana:**

*Ashlynn Dannhoff, Daughter of Nicholas & Jennifer Dannhoff*  
*Jenavieve Knaack, Daughter of Kamra & James Joosten, Russel Knaack*  
*Vivian Leach, Daughter of Jesse & Christina Leach*  
*Lydia Overson, Daughter of Trent & Vicki Overson*  
*Sophie Solheid, Daughter of Molly Solheid & Cole Lesch*  
*Ava Spitzner, Daughter of Jeremy & Heather Spitzner*  
*Peyton Wolner, Son of Michael & Jody Wolner*

**From East Sveadahl:**

*Erick Avila, Son of Jose & Dana Avila*

- † Order forms for the **Youth Beef Bouquet Fundraiser** are in the newsletter and are on the table in the narthex of each church. Order from May 1st – June 7th.
- † **VBS Station Leaders meeting is 6:30 pm tonight at First Presbyterian.**
- † The church **office will be closed Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.**  
The **church will be closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Memorial Day.
- † **Volunteers wanted to help water flowers this summer.** We need someone each day of the week. Please call Jeanne Miest (507-380-0350) or the church office to choose your day.
- † **BLESS A CAMPER:** If you are able and want to help our youth go to summer camp at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, please consider taking an envelope from the poster.
- † **Open House for Paul's Retirement,** Potluck and Pie for Political Paul. Friday, May 22 at 19572 Oak Shores Rd. Hanska, Starts at 4:00 pm, Beverages provided. Please bring folding chair. 507-380-4713 – Cindy
- † **Chris and Norma Hansen will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Their Wedding anniversary is June 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send a card to them, please send them to: Chris and Norma Hansen, 1424 Whisper Way, Ooltewah, TN 37363.
- † **WELLSPRING Coffee & Conversation Thursday, May 21st** at 3:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church Social Hall in Madelia. Basic First Aid for Older Adults. Holly Wallace, St. James Ambulance Director, will lead a discussion on Basic First Aid. Coffee & Cookies served. Please RSVP WELLSPRING at (507)375-1276