

## May 17, 2026 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Welcome to you who are visitors among us; please sign our guest book, take a "Welcome" bag home, and do come worship with us again. *To those of you looking for a church home, we invite you to join this community of faith, as we seek to grow and serve in God's grace and love.*

**\*Please stand, in body or spirit.**

Large print bulletins are available at the back table.

"Busy Bags" for small children's use during Worship on back handrail.

### GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Easter Greeting:**

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God...  
Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ... Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit... Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One... We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"** (v. 1,3,5) #634 ELW

**\*Apostolic Greeting (C: And also with you.)**

**\*Canticle of Praise: "Glory be to God in heaven..."** p. 204 ELW

**\*Prayer of the Day (Today's Readings insert)**

### WORD

**First Reading:** Acts 1:6-14

**Responsive Psalm Reading:** Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

**Second Reading:** I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

**\*Gospel Acclamation: "Celtic Alleluia"** #174 ELW

**\*Gospel Reading:** John 17:1-11

**\*Responses: "Glory to you, O LORD"/ "Praise to you, O Christ."**

**Hymn of the Month: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"** #523 ELW

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: "O Christ, Our Hope"** #604 ELW

**\*Nicene Creed** p. 104 ELW

**Prayer Song: "Come, Bring Your Burden to God"** Text by Barbara Clark  
*Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;  
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.* (Sing 2x)  
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**Prayers of Intercession (L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.)**

### MEAL


**Our Tithes & Offerings to God**

**\*Offertory Hymn: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"** #188 ELW

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Great Thanksgiving** p. 206-207 ELW

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion/Kneel or stand at Communion rail**  
 *All are welcome to join us in celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, believing the Risen Christ is present with us in the bread and wine, assuring us of GOD's love and forgiveness.*

*Please receive the bread in your hand and place your empty cup in the side basket. Gluten-free bread/juice are available. To be served in your pew, please raise your hand after pianist is served.*

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

### SENDING

**\*Blessing (C: Amen!)**

**\*Sending Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"** (v. 1,3,5) #855 ELW

**\*P: Go in peace. In Christ, you are made new.**

**\*C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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**In Our Thoughts/Prayers:** Madonna Bacher-Slack, Bea Tait, Mike Metcalf, Greg Anderson (brain tumor), Annitha Plecity, Marleen Pytlik, Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Randy Hoefs (Kathy's bro-in-law), Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark, Nicole Wieser; our Missionaries; Peace

**"Trinity Family" to pray for this week:** Linda Nagle, Robert & Dee Nelson, Tyler & Cassandra O'Brien (Carter, Tristan)

**Our "Thanks!" to those who serve today:**

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Randy Schlecht      **Accompanist:** Amy Anderson  
**Ushers:** Robert & Dee Nelson      **Acolyte:** Carter O'Brien  
**Scripture Reader & Holy Communion Assistant:** Jeanne Wobbema

**This Week @ TLC:**

Today, May 17<sup>th</sup>: **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**10 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion** (Rev. Randy Schlecht leading as Pr. Diane is on vacation until 5/20)

**11 a.m.** Coffee fellowship (Thanks for hosting, Glen & Judy Torgerson!)

**9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Pancake Brunch @ Faith Lutheran Church: Pancakes, fried potatoes, sausage, applesauce, coffee & juice. Free-will donation; to-go containers available. This fundraising event is hosted by Faith Lutheran Men's Group.

Tues., May 19<sup>th</sup>: **10:30 a.m.** Bible study @ TLC      **12 p.m.** WELCA  
Wed., May 20<sup>th</sup>: **9 a.m.** Quilters      **7 p.m.** VCHS Baccalaureate @ HAC  
Next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: **Pentecost Sunday... wear red!**

**10 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion**

**11 a.m.** Coffee Fellowship (WELCA hosting)



**2 p.m.** MVHS Graduation in Tower City (Congrats, Brenan!)

**2:30 p.m.** VCHS Graduation @ HAC (Congrats to: Collin, Mara, Carson, Kellen, Chloe, & Georgia!)

Private event in TLC lower level dining room in afternoon.



You're invited to a graduate celebration for TLC member, **Carson Johnson**, on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> @ the Grand Stay Inn (271 Winter Show Rd., Valley City), from 4-6 p.m.

Carson is the son of Brian & Rachel Johnson.



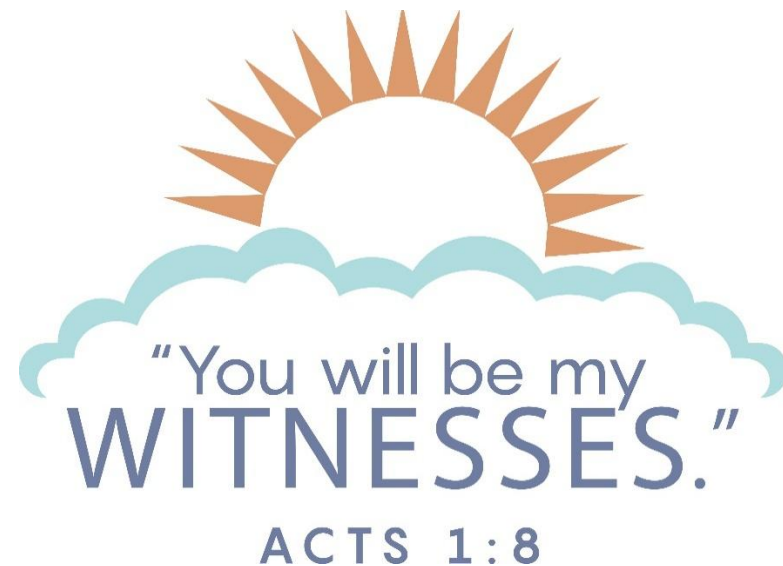
Thank you to everyone who remembered me & sent cards/letters as part of the "Mail Call" during my trip with the Honor Flight of ND/MN Veterans, to Washington DC May 10-12. -Jerry Yokom

(Thank you, Jerry, for serving our country! Jerry served in the Navy 1970-1976.)

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

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