

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
Graduate Recognition
Mothers Day
May 10, 2026*



PRELUDE: Graduates

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, let us thank God for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice
and your Word thundered over the deep waters.
The creation arose from nothing but your presence,
on holy ground where rivers cross.
Your Spirit breathed life into your creation and You called it very good.

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
Jesus baptism began his ministry of grace, opening the floodgates of your reconciling love.
We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**We praise you for your salvation through water.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 857 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

GREETING 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.**

KYRIE ELW 154

"Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Have mercy, O Lord."

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW 508 “As Rain from the Clouds” verse 1

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING *I Peter 3:13-18*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (From WOV 671)

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His Name.



The gospel according to John, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 14: 15-21

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY WOV 664 “A New Commandment”

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: "Come and Fill Our Hearts" ELW 528

Each petition will end, "Fill our hearts, Lord." The congregation will respond with the song.

LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF QUILTS

OUR PROMISES AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Members and friends, will you promise to keep these graduates and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go forth into the future?

We will.

Will you, as fellow believers in Jesus Christ, promise to help them as need and opportunity arise?

We will.

Graduates, receive this blessing from the congregation:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe.

May the Lord guide your every step.

May you always know of our unending love for you. Amen.

PHOTOS & SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG: "Blessed Be Your Name" *Beth and Matt Redman*

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name



OFFERING ELW 781 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts we offer be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “As You Go On Your Way” John Ylvisaker

**As you go on your way, may Christ go with you.
May he go before you to show you the way.
May he go behind to encourage you,
Beside you to befriend you,
Above you to watch over,
Within you to give you peace. Repeat.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Worship Leaders Today

Pastor Sherri Larson

Musicians: Paula Grahn, Megan Morrison, graduates

Lectors: Graduates

Acolyte: Claudia Oyen

Ushers: Tony & Dana Vruwink

Council member on duty: Angela Dahlberg, Pam Vruwink

Altar: Cathy Schueler, Carmen Swenson

thank you

The custom quilts for our high school graduates are just one part of our active quilting ministry. Our quilting group works on projects year-round, including gifts to Ridgewater Campus Ministry and Camp House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Up at Tripolis

Tuesday: 7pm Church Council Meeting at Tripolis
Thursday: 9am Quilting
Saturday: 2pm Bridal Shower (Christanson/Ziebarth)
Next Sunday: 9:30am Sunday School (last day)
11am Worship
Worship and Music committee meeting after worship



Thanks to the meal crew at Ridgewater College Campus Ministry this week!



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Thanks to the ditch-cleaning crew, keeping our stretch of Cty. Rd. 8 clean!



Congratulations

We celebrate all graduates today, whether from high school, college, graduate school, training or certificate programs. May God bless your next steps!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

May 17th is the last day of Sunday school. There will be special activities, including rock painting, games and snacks. Also, we would like to have kids be a part of the worship service. It will be a celebration of our year growing together in the love of God. Hope your family can be a part of the fun!

Please share this information and invite friends. Our VBS is open to all!

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Vacation
BIBLE SCHOOL
VBS

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH
3 YRS - 4TH GRADE
5:15-7:30PM, BEGINS WITH A MEAL
WEDNESDAY FAMILY PICNIC: BEGINS AT 6PM

REGISTER
HERE

THIS SHARED MINISTRY EVENT IS
ORGANIZED AND LED BY BOTH TRIPOLIS
AND EBENEZER CHURCHES

Bridal Shower

There will be an Open House Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Christanson bride-to be of Adam Ziebarth on Saturday, May 16th - 2 pm at Tripolis. We invite men to join us for this event. They are registered on Amazon, Target, and Crate & Barrel.

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