

April 10, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST LESSON Acts 9:1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

SECOND LESSON Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

GOSPEL John 21:1-19

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2026
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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Peter was no doubt filled with shame and remorse after he had denied Jesus 3 times, even though he had pledged to follow him no matter what. He could have expected Jesus to rebuke him next time they meet. But when they meet on the beach after Easter, Jesus offers Peter breakfast, and another chance.

Gathering Songs

*The Heavens Shall Declare
Rise Up with Christ
Christ Alone*

Worship Team
Bullock
Beech
Getty/Townend

Announcements

*** Processional Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

*** Apostolic Greeting**

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

C: **And also with you.**

*** Kyrie**

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*** Hymn of Praise**

This is the Feast

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*** Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C **Amen**

First Lesson

Acts 9:1-6

Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

(Congregational response spoken after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

This Week at First Lutheran:

Today: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Blended Worship/Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Butterflies
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study led by Pr. Curt Rotto
10:00 a.m. 10th Grade Milestone Class with Parents
4-6 p.m. New Member Class in New Narthex

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday: **7:30 am BBC @ Taco John's**
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Mill Street Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA
3:45 p.m. Children's Choir
4:30 p.m. FLY 57 (*NOTE CHANGE)
6:30 p.m. 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
7:30 p.m. High School Senior FLY
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
No Hosanna Handbells Rehearsal (resumes April 27th)

Thursday: 8:45 a.m. Morning Watch-Pr. Jennifer-KBRF-AM (1250)
9:30 a.m. Sr Coffee and Bible Study

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Next Sunday, April 17

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship/10th Grade Milestone Blessing in worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given by Katie Haugrud in memory of DuVane, who passed away 10 years ago on April 7th.

Known Hospitalized this week: Harlan Ernst, Roy Nell Norby and Donna Harlow at Lake Region Hospital.

Sympathy to Marilyn Berg on the death of her father, Leland Bennett of Alexandria, who passed away last Wednesday.

Large Print Bulletins & hymns: If you would like a copy for worship this morning, please ask an usher.

Join Us for Fellowship and Refreshments in the narthex following worship. Serving today are the families of Madisen Puttbreese and Caroline, Lilly & Ian Stumbo.

Visitors! If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary

Lost & Found – Please check the lost and found for any missing items (located outside the education office and library at the top of the stairs). All items not claimed by April 26th will be given to Goodwill.

Over the next few weeks we will be spotlighting our high school seniors as Bible bearers, Communion Assistants, and readers. If you see them afterwards please take a moment to greet them and wish them luck on the next steps in their lives.

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Sacristans:	8:30-Teresa Shannon 11:00-Carolyn Sund
Greeters	8:30- Jon & LuAnn Harris 11- Deb Opatz & Jacob Opatz
Bible Bearer:	8:30-Jake Western 11-Nicholas Johnson
Acolytes:	8:30-Nycole Mouritsen, Sara Hansen 11-Brandon Hinsverk, Alison Koch
Communion Assistants:	8:30-Tom & Lisa Wolfe, Judi Hansen 11-Mary Johnson, Diane Prischmann, Joyce Perez
Lectors:	8:30-Bob Gaabo 11- Anthony Perez
Worship Team Leader:	Anne Taylor
P.A. Operator:	8:30 and 11-LeAnne Jaenisch

Second Lesson

Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

(Congregational response spoken after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

* **Gospel Acclamation and Procession** (please turn as the Bible passes by)

*Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

(After Gospel is announced, congregation says, **Glory to you, O Lord**)

* **Gospel**

John 21:1-19

(After Gospel is read, congregation says, **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Sermon

Payback Time

Pastor Saul

Hymn of the Day

Resurrection Hymn



1. See what a mor-ning glo-ri-ous-ly bright, with the dawn-ing of hope in Je-
2. See Ma-ry weep-ing, "where is He laid?" As in sor-row she turns from the
3. One with the Fa-ther, An-cient of Days, through the Spi-rit who clothes faith with



ru-sa-lem; Fold-ed the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, As the
emp-ty tomb; Hears a voice speak-ing, cal-ling her name; It's the
cer-tain-ty; Hon-or and bles-sing, glo-ry and praise to the



an-gels an-nounce Christ is ris-en See God's sal-
Mas-ter, the Lord, raised to life a-gain! The voice that
King crowned with pow'r and auth-or-i-ty. And we are



va-tion plan, wrought in love, Borne in pain, paid in sac-ri-fice,
spans the years, speak-ing life, stir-ring hope, bring-ing peace to us,
raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has con-quer-ed;



Ful-filled in Christ the Man, for He lives, Christ is ris-en from the dead!
Will sound till He ap-pears, for He lives, Christ is ris-en from the dead!
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is ris-en from the dead!

*** Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*** The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

OR

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,
C **Lord, have mercy.**

*** The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Offering

My Redeemer Lives
Worship Team

Morgan

THANK YOU – The Hannah Circle was given funds from our First Lutheran Church Foundation and was able to make 78 dresses for the little girls in Haiti! These dresses go to Northern Haiti, and will be sent out on the mission plane in April. Hannah Circle is also sending 50 “food bags”. The bags are greatly appreciated by mothers with under nourished children who walk miles to pick up rice, beans, and oil given to them by the United Nations. The “food bags” have long straps, so they can carry them over their shoulder and still have their hands free to carry children. How blessed we are to have shopping carts! Also, the circles’ “Sunshine Offering” was used to purchase 142 packs of soap and washcloths to send to Soaring Unlimited. Helen Robertson will deliver those to the very appreciative people in Haiti. The Circle would like to thank all who helped make this possible – God’s Work. Our Hands.

~Hannah Circle

NEW MEMBER COMMUNITY begins TODAY...with Pastor Saul, Pastor Jennifer and the Membership committee from 4-6 pm in the narthex. (We will also meet on April 24th & May 1st) If you or someone you know is interested in exploring membership at First Lutheran – PLEASE COME. This friendly, informal atmosphere offers an opportunity for everyone to get to know one another and take a look at our Lutheran teachings. Attending the sessions doesn’t commit you to join. Childcare is available.

First Lutheran’s TASTE OF SPRING ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE Thursday, April 21st 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Start checking out your favorite salad and bar recipes that you plan to donate for the Luncheon and/or bake goods for the sale. Sign-up sheets for salad, bars and volunteers to help that day will be available in the Narthex on April 10 & 17. Please sign-up early! Plan to attend and taste all these wonderful salads & bars, and pick up your homemade bakery items. THANK YOU!

CHURCH SOFTBALL! If you are between the ages of 14-100 sign up today to play on First Lutheran’s softball team on Monday nights this year! Both male and female players welcome! Sign-up sheets are at the Info Counter. Deadline to register our team is April 22nd.

WOW Event: “Women of the Word” is having an event, “Coffee With Friends” on Sunday, April 24th at 2 p.m. Our speaker, Jan Smith, shares her purse collection to tell Biblical stories! Sign-up in the Narthex!

OFFERING UPDATE				
		<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual (4-1 to 4-4)</u>	<u>Difference</u>
April as of 4-4-16		\$ 39,931.00	\$ 10,086.67	-\$29,844.33
Year to date		\$159,724.00	\$ 118,452.41	-\$41,271.59

*** Post Communion Song**

He Is Exalted

Twila Paris

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise him.
 He is ex-alt-ed, for-ev-er ex-alt-ed, and I will praise his
 name. Je-sus is Lord, for-ev-er his truth shall
 reign; hea-ven and earth re-joice in his ho-ly
 name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high.

*** Prayer, Blessing & Sending**

(Congregational response: "Thanks be to God! Alleluia!")

*** Postlude**

reprise of *He Is Exalted*

* Indicates when congregation stands

*** The Offertory**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Green

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
 and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cre -
 Cast me not - a - way from Thy pre - sence, O - Lord, and take not Thy
 Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
 joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

*** Holy Communion**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (alternate version)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of Communion

Hymns during Communion

ELW 638, 474

*** Post Communion Blessing**