

May 10, 2015

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST LESSON Acts 10:44–48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

SECOND LESSON 1 John 5:1–6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL John 15:9–17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2015
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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Today Jesus gives us the most important commandment: "Love One Another." Today we receive the incredible gift of God's love for us and receive the encouragement to share that with our brothers and sisters, even when it's not so easy to love them.

Gathering Songs

*Every Move I Make
Here I Am to Worship
God Is Good*

Worship Team
Ruis
Hughes
Moen & Overstreet

Announcements

*** Processional Hymn**

You Are Holy

ELW 525

*** 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**

P: In peace, in peace,

Azithone: Congregation:



Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

P: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all ... (Refrain)

P: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word ... (Refrain)

Azithone: Congregation:



Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
A - - - men.

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
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Dessert & Rehearsal

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days
1:00 p.m. OWL's Event @ Museum
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday: **7:30 am BBC @ Taco John's (Last One)**
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Mill Street Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA
5:30 p.m. Hosanna Handbells (Last One)

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: **12 -3 p.m. Megan Johnson Benefit & Silent Auction (Fellowship Hall)**

Next Sunday, May 17 – Confirmation Sunday

8:30 a.m. **Worship/New Member Sunday/Sunday School Teacher Recognition**
9:45 a.m. **Sunday School – Last One until Fall**
9:45 a.m. **New Member Cake & Coffee**
NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
10:15 a.m. **Confirmation Pictures**
11:00 a.m. **Worship/Rite of Confirmation**
5:30 p.m. **High School Senior Recognition Dinner (Narthex)**

OWLS EVENT

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

“Some Enchanted Evening” –MSU Straw Hat Players

Welcome to the Golden Age of Broadway and the musical theater team who paved the way—Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. This production showcases their most memorable tunes, spanning more than three decades, including the title song “Some Enchanted Evening,” “Climb Every Mountain,” “Surrey with the Fringe on Top,” and many more.

Sign up at the Info Counter and pay \$20 by check (payable to First Lutheran Owls) **before Wednesday, May 20.**

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| Leave First Lutheran parking lot (lower level) | 4:00 p.m. (load at 3:45) |
| Arrive at Doolittle’s for supper | 5:00 p.m. |
| Leave Restaurant for MSU | 6:30 p.m. |
| Musical | 7:30 p.m. |
| Return to Fergus Falls | 11:00 p.m. |

Coach bus sponsored by FL Foundation
Musical Ticket Price \$20 (group rate)
Supper on your own—order off menu

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| Senior Pastor: | Saul Stensvaag |
| Associate Pastor: | Jennifer Rose |
| Part-time Visitation Pastor: | Stan Satre |
| Sunday School Superintendent: | Cindy Larson |
| Council President: | Lisa Wolfe |
| Sacristans: | 8:30-Mark and Susan Hermes 11:00-Carolyn Sund |
| Greeters: | 8:30- Jon & LuAnn Harris 11- Carmon & Audrey Jackson |
| Ushers: | 8:30- Matt & Dina Freitag, Karen Lundstrom & Leonard Hatzenbuhler 11- Terry Gervais, Tom & Jane Willett |
| Bible Bearer: | 8:30-Diedre Yanske 11-Ean Goos |
| Acolytes: | 8:30-Max Wolfe, Cole Knudson 11-Matthew Oehler, Jared Kuehl |
| Communion Assistants: | 8:30-Dolores Simdorn, Emma Clark 11-Olivia Stumbo, Sarah Taylor |
| Lectors: | 8:30-Ashley Shuck 11-Carmon Jackson |
| Worship Team Leader: | Anne Taylor |
| P.A. Operator: | 8:30 and 11-LeAnne Jaenisch |

***Hymn of Praise**

Now the Feast

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain. whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
To refrain

for ev - er.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

First Lesson

Acts 10:44–48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

Second Lesson

1 John 5:1–6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

(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 10:1-10

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

Sermon

Love One Another

Pastor Jennifer

Hymn of the Day

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

ELW 644

Church Softball Games start tomorrow night! Come out to the Field #5 at 8:30 and 9:30 to cheer on our First Lutheran Team!

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 May 11th will be given to Goodwill.

The First Lutheran Library Committee asks that you please look around for any DVDs and books children may have checked out from the church library and return them. The library is open anytime the church office is open.

Tuck-pointing work is continuing on our building. If you would like to contribute to this crucial maintenance project, you can do so using either a pew envelope or a check made out to First Lutheran with “tuck-pointing” on the memo line.

Summer Coffee Servers Needed!!! Do you enjoy your cup of coffee and treat after Sunday morning worship? If so we need the congregation’s help. Please take a minute this morning to sign-up at the info counter for a Sunday that you can serve. We need YOUR help to have coffee on Sunday mornings.

ELCA is providing a response to help the victims of the earthquake in Nepal in cooperation with Lutheran World Relief. If you’d like to help, use a pew envelope or write a check made out to First Lutheran with “Nepal” on the memo line.

Fergus Falls Blood Drive – scheduled for May 13, 14 and 15th and will be located at the Fergus Falls National Guard Armory. We would also like to remind you that 16 years olds may donate blood with a signed ‘Official Red Cross Parental Consent Form’. For Appointment Info call Dolly at 739-3772 or Phyllis at 739-7480. Please see the kiosk for more details.

Summer Schedule Begins on Sunday May 24th with one service at 9:30 only. **Thursday evening services begin at 5:30 on Thursday, May 28th.** Office Hours will be 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday beginning Tuesday, May 26th

The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated next Sunday, May 17 at the 11 a.m. service and **New Members** will be received at the 8:30 a.m. service. Please join us for cake and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall between services to honor and welcome our new members.

NEXT Sunday, May 17th will be the last day of Sunday School for the year. Teacher Recognition and special music will be during the 8:30 worship.

Altar Flowers and Radio Broadcast is given by Steve and Gayle Fitz in honor of their mothers – Margaret Bowman & Rita Fitz.

Known Hospitalized this week: Arlyss Sampson and Theodore Stahl at Lake Region Hospital. Megan Johnson at Fairview University in Minneapolis. Eunice Simonson at Rochester Mayo.

Large Print Bulletins: 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 for Danielle & Kaleb Freitag and Jake & Samuel Western.

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

Messenger Deadline is Tuesday, May 19th. It will be a combination for June/July. PLEASE look ahead at your calendars so that we get everything in for the next 2 months.

Cemetery Spring Clean-Up! It's that time again and your help is needed! Please meet at the North Cemetery (take Highway 59 North approximately 1 mile from town, take a right on the gravel road to the cemetery) on **Tuesday, May 19** at **5 p.m.** Rakes, shovels, and "elbow grease" are needed to do the job! FAMILIES you are asked to remove OLD ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS/ORNAMENTS from their family gravesites prior to clean-up day on May 20 or they will be thrown away.

Relay for Life will be held June 19, 2015. It will start at 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. We are having a First Lutheran Team again this year and we are looking for team members. If you would like to join the team, would like to make a donation, purchase a luminary in honor of or in memory of someone please call Sue Toso at 218-770-5156 or go online and sign-up under First Lutheran Church.

Women's Week at Luther Crest June 22-26: More info on Kiosk and in Messenger. A one-day trip is planned for Tuesday, June 23. Questions? Please call Donna Quam 736-4294 or Margaret Kratzke 736-3697.

* 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.

* The Prayers (including a prayer for all women)

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

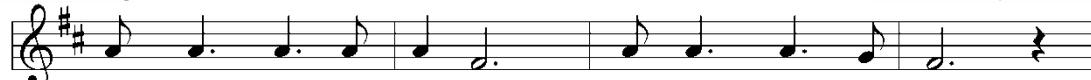
Fear Not
Worship Team

Phil Pringle

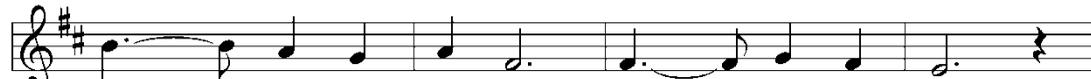
*** The Offertory**

What Have We to Offer?

WOV 156 (V. 1 & 4)



1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?



Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.



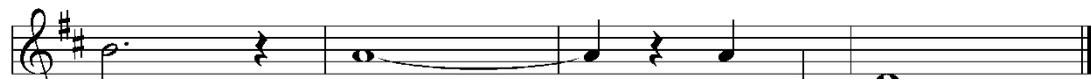
God will not fal - ter; so let us dare



lay it at the al - tar there.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

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*** 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, 779

*** Post Communion Blessing**

*** Post Communion Song**

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

(Verses 1,1,2,3,1)



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me,
Sa - tan had me bound, Sa - tan had me bound,
When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual

*** Prayer, Blessing & Sending**

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

*** Postlude**

instrumental reprise of *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

* Indicates when congregation stands