

May 29, 2016

**Second Sunday of Pentecost/
High School Graduate Recognition Sunday**

FIRST LESSON. Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.' Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND LESSON. Galatians 1:1-12

Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— and all the members of God's family who are with me, Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed! Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL. Luke 7:1-10

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

MAY 29, 2016

Day of Pentecost
May 29, 2016
9:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church
Fergus Falls, Minnesota
(218) 739-3348
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Online
Giving
(QR Code)



Paul scolds the Christians in Galatia for turning away from the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we send our High School Graduates out into a world filled with many false gospels, we pray that they will hold onto the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith which they have learned here at First Lutheran.

Prelude
Announcements

***Processional Hymn** *Here I Am, Lord* **ELW 868**

***Apostolic Greeting** ELW Page 138

***Kyrie** ELW Page 138

***Hymn of Praise** *Glory to God* ELW Page 139

***Prayer of the Day**

Faith Milestone Blessing of Graduates & Parents
A greeting from seniors: CJ Ward & Jake Western
First Lesson Psalm 96

Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations.
(congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Second Lesson Galatians 1:1-12
(congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

***Gospel Acclamation**

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.

(Congregational response after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

This Week at First Lutheran:

- Today:** 9:30 a.m. Worship/H.S. Recognition
- Monday:** **Church Office CLOSED – Memorial Day**
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- Tuesday:** **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS (8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.) BEGIN**
9:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- Wednesday:** 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA
- Thursday:** 8:45 am Morning Watch – Pr. Saul – KBRF AM 1250
9:30 a.m. Sr Bible Study & Coffee
5:30 pm Thursday Night Worship
- Friday:** **Church Office Closed**
7:00 p.m. **High School Graduation at Kennedy Auditorium**

Next Sunday, June 5
9:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

**Summer Office hours begin Tuesday, May 31st
Monday-Thursday 8am-3:30pm.**

- Senior Pastor: Saul Stensvaag
- Associate Pastor: Jennifer Rose
- Visitation Pastor: Stan Satre
- Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Larson
- Council President: Elizabeth Abrahams
- Organist: Keith Melberg
- Sacristan: Mark & Susan Hermes
- Cantor: Harriet Wicklund
- Greeters: Jack & Sandy Pearson
- Acolyte: Sara Hansen
- Lector: Sara Parsons
- P.A. Operator: Margaret Ness-Ludwig

This is the 12th year that a small group of First Lutheran women and friends, have made fleece quilts for the high school seniors. This year's group consists of Judy Mouritsen and Carolyn Ellingson with help from Darlene Berge, Corrine Iverson, Marjean Hanson and Ann Mathison.

**Congratulations to our First Lutheran Church
2016 High School Graduates!**

**Camden Andrews, Quinn Eckley, Kaleb Freitag, Alysha Grant,
Nicholas Johnson, Emily Knudson, Sophia Kuehl, Dalton Mouritsen,
CJ Ward, Jake Western, and Donovan Wood**

May God continue to guide and keep you.

Do you like serving in worship as an Usher, Communion Assistant, Lector or Greeter? Do you like being called many times to see when you can serve? We have developed a sign-up sheet on the kiosk outside the office that we hope will reduce the number of calls made and give you the opportunity to serve in worship when you want.

Please take a look at the dates available for June and pick a spot! We appreciate the effort of everyone who serves on Sunday mornings. THANK YOU!

***Gospel**

Luke 7:1-10

A Roman centurion stands to lose a highly valued slave. Jewish leaders in Capernaum consider the centurion worthy, but the Gentile declares himself unworthy. In the midst of this tangle of attitudes, the centurion shows his understanding of authority and his testimony that Jesus has it, even authority over illness and death.

(Congregational response after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

Sermon

Holding onto the Gospel

Pastor Saul

Hymn of the Day

On Eagle's Wings

ELW 787

(Children come forward on last verse. Congregation join on refrain)

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Children's Event

Pastor Saul

***Apostle's Creed**

Inside back cover of hymnal

***The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering

***Offertory**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with- in me. Cast me not a- way from your pres- ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re- store to me the
joy of your sal- va - tion, and up- hold me with your free Spir - it.

*** The Prayers**

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

OR

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

***The Lord's Prayer**

C 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

Giving of Fleece Blankets to Our Graduates

***Blessing & Sending**

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

***Recessional Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

(Please allow the senior class to recess)

***Postlude**

*indicates when to stand

Join Us for Fellowship and Refreshments in the narthex following worship, served today by the First Lutheran Relay for Life team.

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. They are located in a basket on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex.

Large Print Bulletins are available. If you would like a copy, please ask an usher.

Altar Flowers are given by Brad & Cindy Larson in honor of all our High School Graduates.

Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Roger & Lorie Shuck in celebration of their daughter and son-in-law, Mitch & Sarah Wheeler's, 1st wedding anniversary on May 30th.

Offering Envelopes: If you have not yet picked up your offering envelope you have one more chance in May! They will be on the info counter in alphabetical order. Please let someone in the office know if you no longer want offering envelopes. Thank you!

Take Stock in our Youth: You are invited to purchase shares of stock in our youth program. Stock allows youth to attend youth events like synod gatherings, retreats, and summer trips. Stock sales will continue throughout the month of May. Stock is available at \$10 per share. All stockholders will be invited to a celebration dessert this fall. Thank you for your support of the First Lutheran Youth!

Relay for Life will be held June 17, 2016. We are having a First Lutheran Team again this year. If you would like to join the team, make a donation, or purchase a luminary in honor of or in memory of someone, please call Sue Toso at 218-770-5156.

Summer Coffee Servers Needed!!! Do you enjoy your cup of coffee and treat after Sunday morning worship? If you are willing to serve during the summer months of June, July & August, please contact Terry Gervais at 952-250-0432. We need YOUR help to have coffee on Sunday mornings.

Check the kiosk for upcoming LutherCrest Events this summer! 1) Monday-Friday, June 20-24 – Women's Week with Guest Speaker Marilyn Sharpe 2) Thursday, July 21 – Night Owl Glow Trail Run and 3) Monday, August 8 – Luther Crest Golf Scramble

ATTENTION OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans): We have 32 tickets available for Tuesday, June 7, to travel with Ottetail Coaches to Moorhead to enjoy dinner and the play, "Blame It on the Movies" at Moorhead State University. This play features 75 songs from the most popular films; it is a romp through cinematic history. We will leave the church lower level parking lot at 4:00 p.m. Dinner is on your own (Place to be arranged) at 5:00 p.m. The play begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost for the play is \$20 (Bus paid for from OWLS account). Sign up and pay by check at Info Counter before June 2. Questions?? Call Margaret Kratzke at 218-736-3697.

Also, check Kiosk and church bulletins for other planned events this summer- Margaret is open for suggestions.