

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

SECOND LESSON Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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The man in today's story is thought to be possessed by demons. He is a figure of revulsion living among the tombs. But Jesus doesn't turn away. Instead, he heals the man and restores him to wholeness. When Jesus sees the terrible things we try to keep hidden, he doesn't turn away from us, either. Instead, he heals and restores us.

Prelude
Announcements

***Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Morning Has Broken

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***Apostolic Greeting**

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***Kyrie**

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This Week at Lutheran:

- Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship
- Monday: 5:00 p.m. AI-Anon
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service for Luella Estenson @ Glende-Nilson
- Tuesday: **8:00 a.m. Luther Crest Women's Day Trip**
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Luella Estenson Funeral
- Wednesday: **7:00 a.m. XY Men's Bible Study @ Café 116**
9:30 a.m. AI-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA
10:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group
6:45 p.m. Family Ministry: Finding Dory Movie Night
- Thurs.: 8:45 am Morning Watch – Pastor Jennifer – KBRF AM 1250
5:30 p.m. **No Sr. Bible Study & Coffee in June**
Worship
- Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
5:30 p.m. Schwartz/Pitts Wedding Rehearsal
- Saturday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
5:00 p.m. Schwartz/Pitts Wedding
- Next Sunday, June 26:**
9:30 a.m. Worship

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Lector:	Carmon Jackson
Cantor:	Mary Kay Stensvaag
Acolyte:	Jordan Spangler
Greeters:	Curt & Ann Rotto
Sacristan:	Carolyn Sund
PA Operator:	Margaret Ness-Ludwig

Join Us for Fellowship and Refreshments in the narthex following worship. Serving this week is Dick & Deb Felstul.

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers this Sunday are sponsored by Eldon & Margaret Kratzke.

Rose on the Altar is in celebration of the baptism of Alexander Steven Whitlow, son of Steve Whitlow and Yen Bergman. Sponsor is Anna Buck.

Known Hospitalized: Bob Baker and Stella Jyrkas at Lake Region Hospital.

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.

Large Print Edition of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

Thursday, June 30th there will be NO WORSHIP at First Lutheran Church. Please mark your calendars.

Family Ministry *Finding Dory* Night: Wednesday June 22 at 7PM at the Westridge Theater in Fergus Falls. All Ages Welcome - Family Ministry is for all ages and all families! Pre-order tickets on the info counter **TODAY** for discounted tickets of \$5/adult and \$4/child ages 3-12. Join us for a night of family fun!

Youth Lock-In: Wednesday June 29-Thursday June 30, for next year's grades 8-12. Sign up at the info counter and look there for more details of what to bring. Friends welcome! Adult help very much welcomed (See Pastor Jennifer for more details!)



Would you like to buy a T-shirt with the First Lutheran Youth (F.L.Y.) logo on it?

You can! Shirts are being sold at <https://www.booster.com/fly-shirts> for a limited time. Shirts are \$20 and are available in sizes Youth XS through Adult 4X. (Sales will go until June 26 and delivery will be mid-July.) If you have any questions, please contact pastor Jennifer.

Women's Week at Luther Crest Bible Camp Tuesday, June 21st – Wednesday, June 22nd – Thursday, Theme for 2016: A Woman's Life in Christ: Mary & Martha

- First Lutheran women will travel to Luther Crest this Tuesday, June 21, leaving the lower level parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and returning around 6:00 p.m.
- Keynote speaker is Marilyn Sharp. More information available on the kiosk or by calling Margaret Kratzke at 736-3697. Childcare is available. \$100 per carload for the day which includes registration, noon lunch, and treats.
- Those of you who have experienced a day at Luther Crest know what an "inspirational and fun day" it is, so please encourage some of your friends to come and join us for the day. First timers do not pay. Transportation is provided.

ATTENTION OWLS: Check kiosk for information on "The Winnipeg Folklorama." It is an unusual experience—you would need a Passport. Sign up sheet on Info Counter and Margaret Kratzke will take care of the details. Indicate your interest before June 27.

*Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

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*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

First Lesson

Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

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

Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation



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

*Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

(Congregational response sung after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Sermon

Set Free

Pastor Saul

Hymn of the Day

We Know that Christ is Raised

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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*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

***Blessing**

***Threefold Amen**

***Sending**

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

***Closing Hymn**

The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve

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Postlude

*denotes when to stand

**JOINT ELCA
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**
with potluck to follow



SUNDAY, July 3rd, 2016
10:30 a.m.

Adam's (Grotto) Park, Fergus Falls
Folding chairs provided, but bring a lawn chair if you prefer. Bring a dish to share.

THERE WILL BE NO 9:30A.M. WORSHIP THAT SUNDAY AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

*In case of bad weather worship will be held
at Olson Funeral Home
711 Pebble Lake Rd, Fergus Falls, MN 56537*

ATTENTION OWLS

On Wednesday, June 29 we will visit the Maritime Museum and Gardens at Alexandria. In these gardens you will discover finely crafted and well-loved boats, as well as stories about lake-related adventures, triumphs, and hardships. We will leave lower level parking lot at **10 a. m.** and our first stop will be lunch at 11 at Bug-a-Boo Bay Restaurant in Alex. We'll tour Museum and Gardens at 1 p.m. and leave for home about 3 p.m. **Sign up before Monday, June 26 at the Info Counter—\$5.00 (group rate) check payable to First Lutheran OWLS.** We'll decide on transportation when we see how many sign up—maybe church van for 12-14 and cars. Questions?? Call Margaret Kratzke or Marilyn Berg. Flyer on Kiosk, check their Web site for more info.