

May 31, 2015

Holy Trinity

**FIRST READING. Isaiah 6:1–8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

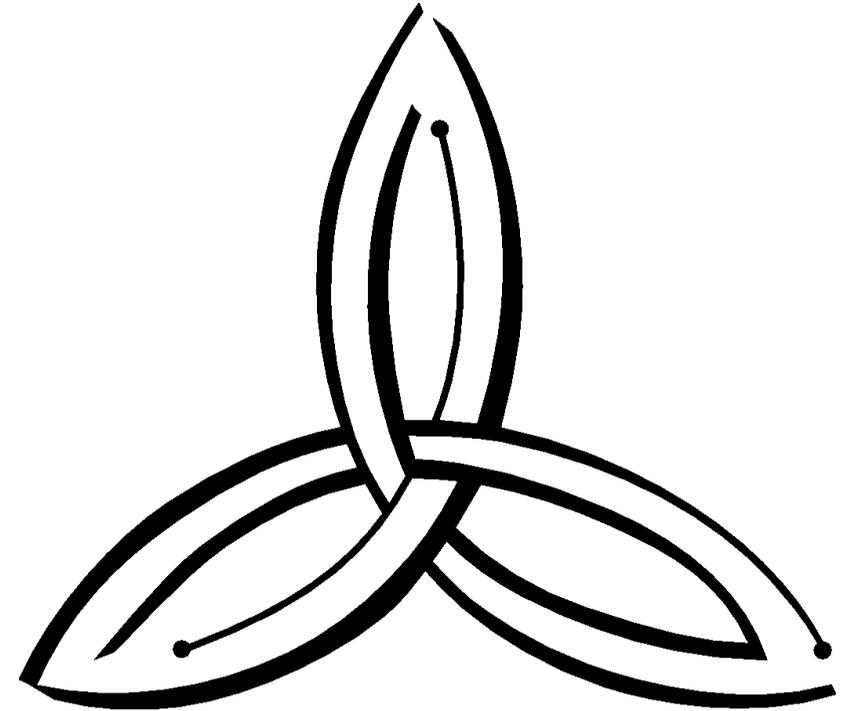
**SECOND READING. Romans 8:12–17**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**GOSPEL. John 3:1–17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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Poor Nicodemus. He has questions about his faith and he is embarrassed to ask them, so he goes to Jesus in the dark. On this Trinity Sunday, we examine some things about God that are hard to fully understand. And yet we receive the assurance that God is with us among our questions and our doubts.

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

- \* **Call to Worship**      *Listen! God is Calling!* LGC (Listen God Is Calling) Page 3
- \* **Apostolic Greeting**      LGC Page 4
- \* **Kyrie**      LCG Page 4
- \* **Hymn of Praise**      LGC Page 6
- \* **Prayer of the Day**      LGC Page 6

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 6:1-8

*This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.*

Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson**

Romans 8:12-17

*In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.*

Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation**

LGC Page 7

Congregation sings after Gospel is announced: ***Glory to you Lord, Master and King; words of salvation you came to bring.***

**This Week at Lutheran:**

- Today:      9:30 a.m.      Worship
- Monday:      9-3:00 p.m.      WELCA Love Days  
                 5:00 p.m.      Al-Anon  
                 **6:30 p.m.**      **Softball (Field #5)**  
                 7:00 p.m.      Boy Scouts  
                 **7:30 p.m.**      **Softball (Field #5)**
- Tuesday:      9:00 a.m.      Staff Meeting  
                 6:00 p.m.      Property Committee Meeting
- Wednesday:      9:30 a.m.      Al-Anon  
                 10:00 a.m.      AA
- Thursday:      8:45 a.m.      Morning Watch-Stensvaag-KBRF AM 1250  
                 9:30 a.m.      Sr. Bible Study & Coffee  
                 5:30 p.m.      Worship
- Friday:      CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Next Sunday June 7:**

- 9:30 am      Worship/ Holy Communion/Baptism
- 11:45 a.m.**      **FLY 57 goes to Skateland**

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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
  - Organist:      Keith Melberg
  - Ushers:      Allen & Judy Jensen  
                 Brian & Madisen Becker
  - Sacristan:      Carolyn Sund
  - Lector:      Mark Boen
  - Cantor:      Jasmine Sonmor
  - Acolyte:      Cole Knudson
  - Greeters:      Curt & Ann Rotto
  - PA Operator:      Margaret Ness-Ludwig

## FLY 57 JUNE EVENTS

(For those going into 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade in the fall)

June 7 Fly 57 to Skateland. Sign up at church. Meet at 11:45 at church. Cost \$5. Bring money for Snacks.

June 15-18 Help with Day Camp or Butterflies VBS. See Pr. Jennifer for details.

June 24 (Wed) Fly 57 at church in youth room 3-4 PM

June 15-18, Day Camp. \$25. Sign up at church. (For those who have completed grades K-4) On Thursday, we will travel to LutherCrest in Alexandria for fun at camp! Pack a lunch each day and remember your water bottle and sunscreen!

## SENIOR FLY JUNE EVENTS

June 10 Top Secret NYG (National Youth Gathering) Meeting, all day

June 11 3:00 PM Dairyland & Devos (Come to Dairyland, our treat, hang out with Pr. Jennifer)

June 13-14 Lock In at First Lutheran!

June 21 NYG & Serve:15 Car Wash (Rain Date June 28)

June 29-July 1 Serve:15 in Winnipeg

### \*Gospel

Congregation sings after Gospel is read:

**Praise be to Christ, who loved and forgave;  
conquering death, he rose from the grave.**

### Sermon

**"Nick @ Nite"**

Pastor Jennifer

### Hymn of the Day

**Spirit of Gentleness**

**ELW 396**

(Children come forward on the last verse)

### Children's Event

Pastor Saul

### \* 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 Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

### Offering

#### \* Offertory

**Let Us Come Now**

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#### \* Prayers

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#### \* 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.**

#### \* Benediction

\* **Threefold Amen**

\* **Sending**

P : Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **Closing Hymn**

*The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve*

**ELW 551**

\* indicates when to stand during the service

**Thank you** to everyone that has supported my family through this difficult time. We are overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation for you all. This journey has not been easy, but with the help of my supporters, it has been made a little more manageable. The gifts and donations will help my family with living expenses while I am receiving treatment.

Sincerely, Megan Johnson & family

**Photo Directory** - Lifetouch Church Services is helping us to replace our 5 year old church directory. There is no cost to you or the church. Signups for the pictorial directory are done over the phone by calling the church office at 218-739-3348. If it is more convenient, you can sign up on our church website at [www.firstlcfmn.com](http://www.firstlcfmn.com). In one visit, you will be photographed, select your directory pose, and have the opportunity to purchase additional studio quality portraits and greeting cards. We encourage families to bring in pets or props for their picture. Plenty of good times remain. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so today.

Photo sessions dates: **Thursday, June 11 – 2-9 p.m.**  
**Friday, June 12 – 2-9 p.m.**  
**Saturday, June 13 – 9-4 p.m.**

**Open House for Christopher T. Richards** - June 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00- 3:00pm at First Lutheran Church, Morris. Chris has completed his Masters of Divinity at Luther Seminary. The honor of your presence is requested at an open house graduation celebration. Chris worked here as a Youth Director and they want all to feel welcome in coming to help him celebrate. Those that wish to congratulate Chris but cannot attend are welcome to send cards to: Chris Richards - 316 West 9th Street, Morris MN 56267

**Volunteers Needed!** The Fergus Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to help with our *Thrivent Build* and *A Brush with Kindness Programs*. We are looking for skilled and unskilled people to help with doing outside repairs on homes for people that cannot complete the work themselves. If interested please contact us at 218-736-2905.

**Join Us** for coffee this morning in the narthex following worship. Serving today is the First Lutheran Relay 4 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. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Ashley Shuck in celebration of Sarah & Mitch Wheeler's wedding yesterday.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Bud & Linda Mellon

**Sympathy** to the family and friends of John Gervais, whose mother, Janet, passed away on Wednesday.

**Known Hospitalized:** Stella Jyrkas and Eunice Simonson at Lake Region Hospital.

**Large Print Bulletins are available. If you would like a copy for worship this morning, please ask an usher.**

**Relay for Life** will be held June 19, 2015. We are having a First Lutheran Team again this year. If you would like to join the team, would like to make a donation, purchase a luminary in honor of or in memory of...call Sue Toso at 218-770-5156.

**Summer Coffee Sign-up** sheet is now out on the Informational Counter in the Narthex.

**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 see the Messenger for more details or call Margaret Kratzke 736-3697.

**REMINDER TO CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES:** We are having group photos of the Church Council and each committee on June 7<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30 service (about 10:30 a.m.) in the courtyard or the Narthex. Please make sure to be there.

**Rev. Roger Grow**, a former interim Pastor here, is being honored for his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his June 6<sup>th</sup> ordination into the ministry of the Lutheran Church. He is presently doing his 10<sup>th</sup> interim since his official retirement at Joy Lutheran Church, 1435 St. Croix Street, Prescott, WI 55021.

**Do you have trouble sleeping at night?** Do you wake up at the crack of dawn or stay up really late at night? Do you like to make breakfast? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we could use your help at the SeniorFly Lock-in, June 13-14th. Help is needed at various hours –please see the info counter or Pastor Jennifer for more information.