

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from all congregations – Hope, Augustana, First Lutheran
Worship broadcast via radio and YouTube. YouTube links found on:

www.hopeff.org www.augustanalutheran.org

www.firstlutheranchurchff.org

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the beginning, O God, your Spirit moved over the water, and you created all that is, seen and unseen.

We give you thanks for the gift of water that sustains all life.

In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil in the water of the flood; and by your saving ark, you gave a new beginning.

We give you thanks for new beginnings.

You led Israel through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

We give you thanks for the gift of freedom and the gift of the land.

In the water of the Jordan our Lord was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit; by the baptism of his death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death and opened the way to eternal life.

We give you thanks for our own baptism and the gift of eternal life.

By the water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We give you thanks for the gift of water that sustains life.

We give you thanks for the gift of the new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

Amen.



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
 Music: Daniel L. Schutte

HERE I AM, LORD
 7 7 7 4 D and refrain

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.
 Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Great Is the Lord

Worship and Praise # 53

Great is the Lord, he is ho-ly and just, by his
 pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is
 faith-ful and true, by his mer-cy he proves he is
 love. Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry.
 Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now
 lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the
 Lord! Great is the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together. **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HONORING OF 2019-2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PASTOR ALI, AMBER KRAFNICK, AND KRISTY WICKLUND

ACTS 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy Word

Worship & Praise #144

Refrain

F C⁷ F B^b C⁷ F B^b F

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

C Gm Dm Am B^b C

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -

B^b/F F C Gm Dm Am

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

B^b C Dm D A/C# C^{sus} C⁷ Refrain

Please be near me to the end.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The

words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shelter Me

composed by Father Michael Joncas

Congregation sings the refrain as printed

O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
 The way a - head is dark and dif - fi - cult to see.
 O shel-ter me, O shel-ter me:
 All will be well if on - ly you will shel-ter me.

1. Shepherd and sheep, my God and I:
 to fresh green fields you led my steps in days gone by.
 You gave me rest by quiet springs
 and filled my soul with peace your loving presence brings.
2. Yet now I tread a diff'rent way;
 Death dogs my path with stealthy steps from day to day.
 I cannot find your peaceful place
 But dwell in dreary darkness, longing for your face.
3. I will look back in days to come
 and realize your faithfulness has led me home.
 Within your house I'll find my peace,
 trusting that in your mercy you have sheltered me.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Worship & Praise #123

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the
Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our
hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the
na - tions with grace and mer - cy; send forth your Word,

D	A/C#	Bm	E7	A	D	To stanzas E/A D/A	Last time A
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Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,

Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

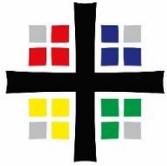
Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
 Shine on me, shine on me:

Text and music: Graham Kendrick
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DISMISSAL

Be at peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY MAY 10, 2020

It is unknown at this time if some of the events scheduled in the upcoming weeks will occur. We will do our best to keep you advised. Be sure to call the church with any questions at 739-3348 or email to office@flcff.org.

The flowers on the altar are given by Kristi Wentworth in celebration of the birthdays of Sandy & Gordy Kvern, and in honor of Mother's Day.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by David & Vicki Hanneman in honor of all Mothers.

COVID 19 Update – The church building will remain locked through the end of May. We will not be able to accommodate public meetings during this time. We will continue with worship services closed to the public through the month of May. If you have a pastoral care emergency, you can contact Pastor Gretchen at 218-321-0995. Please continue to call (leave a message) and email with questions or concerns. Phone: 218-739-3348, Email: office@flcff.org, or check our website firstlutheranchurchff.org for further updates. The church office will be staffed from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday, as we are able.

First Lutheran, Hope & Augustana will continue to provide worship opportunities on Sunday mornings. All worship services are closed to the public, but will be live streamed on YouTube and on-air on KJK AM 1020 or Channel 977 FM97.7 at 9:30 am. **Services are also being aired on PEG Access Channel 8.** The schedule can be found on the website: <http://pegaccess.com/channel8programming.html>

We appreciate your on-going support of the ministry of First Lutheran Church. Your gifts may be mailed to the church at 402 South Court Street, or you can visit the website firstlutheranchurchff.org and click donate on the upper right corner and set up your donation plan. Any questions, please call the office 739-3348.

Paul Haarstick, our new part-time bookkeeper, started work this past week. We will introduce Paul in the June Messenger, but for now we want to say - *Welcome Paul!!!* If you would like to send Paul a card or email to welcome him, please do so. Cards can be sent to church, or his email address is Paul@flcff.org.

Breathing Under Water, a Bible Study based on the book by Richard Rohr will start June 1. It will be conducted via Zoom conference call. If you are interested in joining the study, please contact Jennifer Woore at (218 770-1011) before May 14 as books need to be ordered. Cost \$40, and scholarships are available upon request – please contact Pastor Gretchen for more information.

Joint ELCA Congregations of Fergus Falls will hold a Baccalaureate Service to honor our high school graduates on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The service will be broadcast on our Facebook page.

Homemade masks for 1st Lutheran - Pastor Gretchen would like to have a supply of homemade masks on hand for the day we do return to worship in person! Our goal is 300 masks. We can use both adult size and children's size. If you are able to help by sewing masks, please do! There are many patterns available on-line, or if you need a pattern, please contact the church office. If you have masks ready to deliver to church, please give us a call at 739-3348 and we will arrange a drop-off time. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Gretchen at 218 321-0995. Thanks SO much!

May Messenger/Calendar has been mailed out and posted to website. Copies in Little Lending Library too.

Otter Tail County needs quality foster homes for children. Children in foster care need stable, loving care until they can either safely reunite with their families or establish other lifelong relationships with a nurturing adult/family. Foster parents play an essential role in children's lives and have the ability to provide structure, stability, and nurturing. Contact Jody Dahlen at 218-998-8191 with any questions related to foster care. More information can be found at <https://ottertailcountymn.us/content-page/foster-care-adoption/>

VBS Day Camp with Luther Crest and Butterflies are both cancelled for July. Watch for VBS to-go packs filled with fun activities and links to songs & stories, and the possibility of a one-day VBS get together in August!