

April 19, 2015

Third Sunday of Easter

FIRST LESSON. Acts 3:12–19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

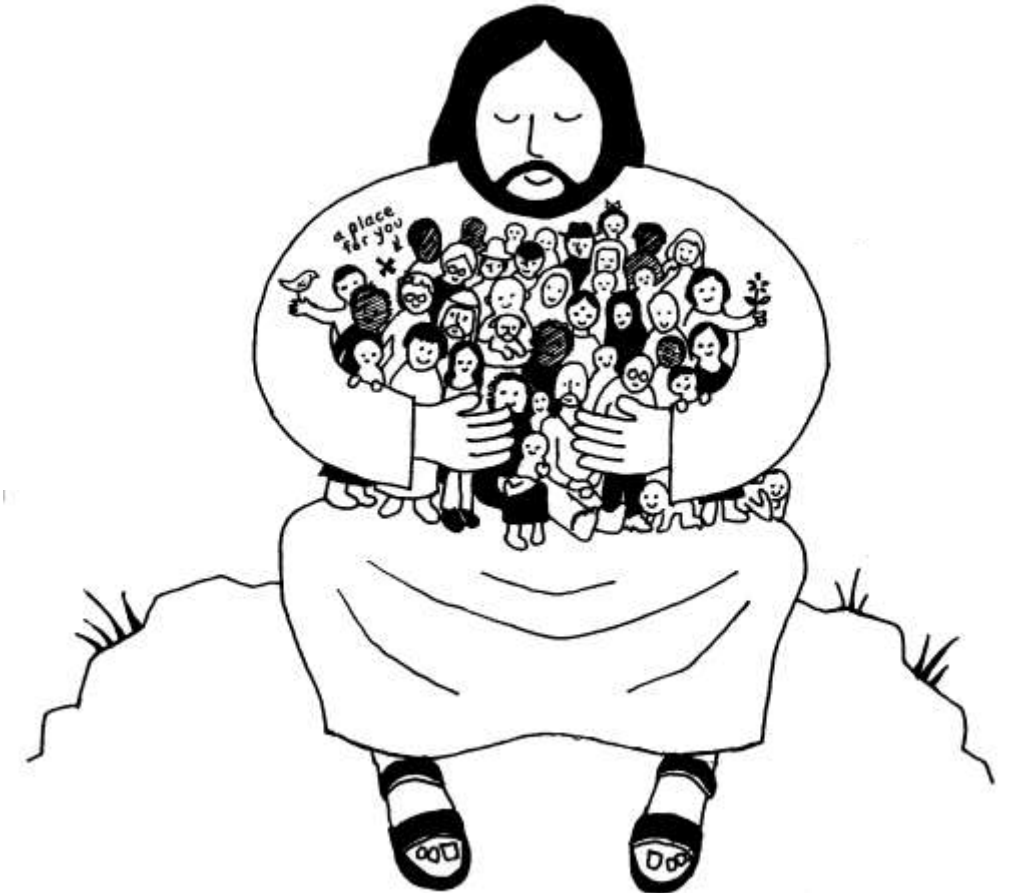
SECOND LESSON. 1 John 3:1–7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL. Luke 24:36b–48

"Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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Tuck-pointing work has begun 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.

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 17th will be given to Goodwill.

Relay for Life will be held June 19, 2014 at the college. It will start at 3:00 p.m. 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. Registration is available online.

Fergus Area-Wilkin County Chapter, Thrivent Member Networks to Replace Thrivent Chapters – June 2015. On Tuesday, April 21st there will be an informational meeting at 7 p.m., at Augustana Lutheran Church, 308 E. Douglas Ave, Fergus Falls. We will do a demonstration of a Thrivent Action application, for a cause to be determined. Stay and enjoy some music and dessert. Mark this date on your calendars for an informative and enjoyable evening with friends involved in Thrivent Financial.

Discussion Group for Caregivers will meet Wednesday April 22, 2015, at 10 AM in the conference room at First Lutheran Church, 402 S Court, Fergus Falls. Come and join us for friendly visiting, encouragement and coffee! The group is facilitated by Tara Giese, Program Manager, Sponsored by Lutheran Social Service, and funded by Land of the Dancing Sky AAA. For more information call Tara at 218-233-7521 or Annette at 218-770-9264.

You're Invited!... Lutheran Social Service County Auxiliary **SPRING RALLY** – Monday, April 27, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. (registration begins at 1:15 p.m.) Join us at Lutheran Social Services, 731 Western Avenue, Fergus Falls for a program presented by Deanna Swenson, Supervisor, called *Guardianship – What's it all about...*

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
Children's Choir Director:	Mary Kay Stensvaag
Adult Choir Director:	Harriet Wicklund
Sacristans:	8:30-Teresa Shannon 11:00-Carolyn Sund
Greeters	8:30- 11- Sean & Anne Taylor
Bible Bearer:	8:30- Danielle Freitag 11-Sarah Taylor
Acolytes:	8:30- Jared Kuehl, Casey Thom 11- DeAnna Hurley, Cole Knudson
Lectors:	8:30- Laurie Whitehead 11- Teri Spangler
Cantors:	8:30 – Svea Smestad 11 – Steve Guttormson
P.A. Operator:	8:30-Brian Becker 11-Margaret Ness-Ludwig

***Gospel Acclamation and Procession**

(Please turn as the Gospel Procession goes by.)



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

***Gospel**

Luke 24:36b–48

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

Sermon

Kingdom Kids

Pastor Saul

Hymn of the Day

Children of the Heavenly Father

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Children's Event (8:30)

Pastor Saul

***Nicene Creed (8:30)**

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)

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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, OR P ... Let us pray to the Lord,
 C hear our prayer. 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

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Sending**

P Go in Peace. Share the good news.
 C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

***Recessional Hymn**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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***Postlude**

*indicates when to stand

Join Us for Fellowship and Refreshments in the narthex following worship. Serving today are the families of Kyra & Koryna Loomer and Owen Babolian.

Altar Flowers are given by Lonny & Melissa Duenow in honor of Jackson's Baptism.

Rose on the Altar is in celebration of the baptism of Jackson Marcus Duenow, son of Lonny & Melissa Duenow. Sponsors are Peter Marcus, Kris Wilke, Justin & Kelly Arneson.

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.

Come celebrate with us between services on May 3rd as we recognize over 100 years of Music Ministry by five of our staff members: Keith Melberg, Linda Mellon, Harriet Wicklund, Mary Kay Stensvaag, and Anne Taylor.

Over the next few weeks we will be spotlighting our high school seniors as Bible bearers, cantors, and readers. If you see them afterwards please take a moment to greet them and wish them luck on the next steps in their lives.

Child Fashion models needed! The WOW (Women of the Word) Committee is planning a Spring Fashion Show event for Saturday morning, May 9th. All children are eligible to participate. If you are interested or have questions, call: Karen Olson @ 218-770-4310, Cindy Larson @ 218-739-0965, Jody Hanson @ 218-739-3446 or Michelle Lembcke @ 218-205-1932.



First Lutheran's TASTE OF SPRING ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE Thursday, April 30th 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Start checking out your favorite salad and bar recipes that you plan to donate for the Luncheon and/or bake goods for the sale. Sign-up sheets for salad, bars and volunteers to help that day will be available in the Narthex on April 12, 19 & 26. Please sign-up early! Plan to attend and taste all these wonderful salads & bars, and pick up your homemade bakery items. THANK YOU!

Megan Johnson Benefit – Saturday, May 16th from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall. Megan was recently diagnosed with oral cancer. She had surgery on Tuesday, March 24 at Fairview University in Minneapolis. Her family needs help with traveling and living expenses while Megan undergoes her surgery, hospital stay, and extensive rehabilitation therapy. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Online giving website: <https://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/4d68/megan-johnson-oral-cancer-fund>



CHURCH SOFTBALL! If you are between the ages of 14-100 sign up today to play on First Lutheran's softball team on Monday nights this year! Sign-up sheets are at the Info Counter ... The cost is \$40 to play plus \$10 for a t-shirt. If under age 18 you will need a parent's signature.