

**FIRST LESSON Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

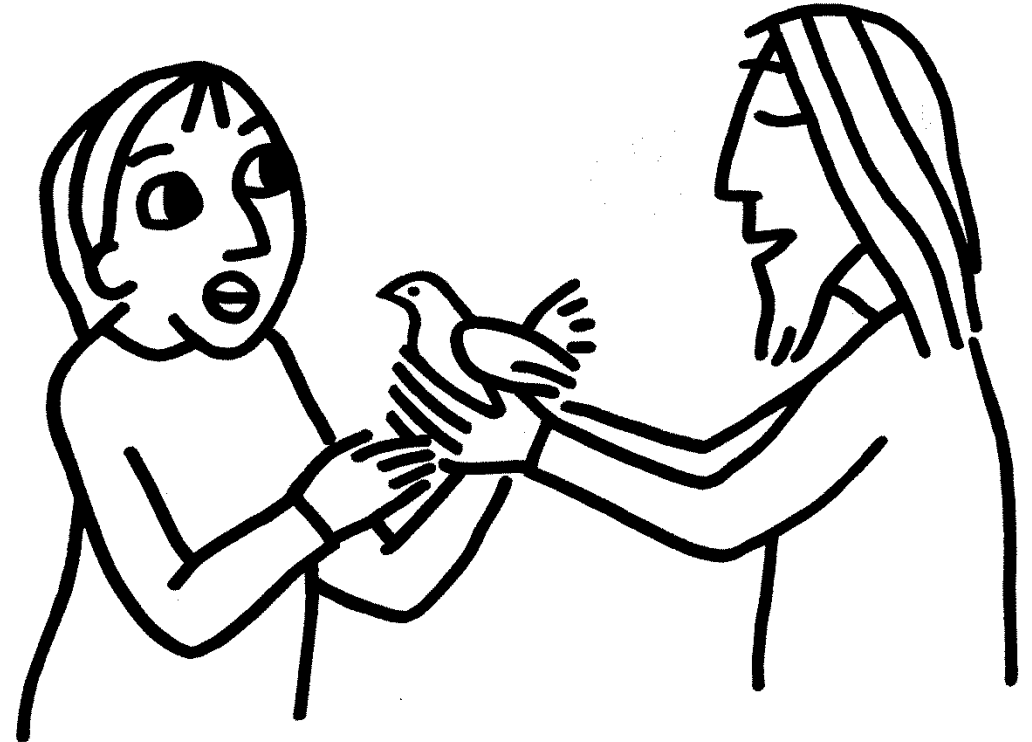
**SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5**

And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**GOSPEL John 14:23-29**

Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

# Sixth Sunday of Easter



## May 1, 2016

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 1, 2016  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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Jesus offers us his peace today. The peace of Christ is a gift, promised to all who believe in Him. How does this peace change our lives? How do we share it with others?

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**\*Processional Hymn** *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* **ELW 389 (v. 1-4)**

**\*Apostolic Greeting** ELW Page 138

**\*Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast* ELW Page 140  
(Women v. 1 & 3, Men v. 2 & 4)

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

**Anthem** (11:00) *The Glory of the Father* Egil Hovland

**First Lesson** Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.  
(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

**Second Lesson** Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

*John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.*  
(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

**\*Gospel Acclamation and Procession**

(Please turn as the Gospel Procession goes by.)



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

**This Week at First Lutheran:**

- Today: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. **Sunday School Pioneer Care visit**  
10 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
4-6 p.m. **New Member Class & Potluck (Fellowship Hall)**
- Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days  
2:00 p.m. **Altar Guild Meeting (Kairos Room)**  
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
- Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. **Men's Bible Study @ LRH**  
9:30 a.m. Al-Anon  
10:00 a.m. AA  
3:45 p.m. **Children's Choir Year End Party!**  
6:30 p.m. **8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation/Parent's in Class (LAST ONE)**  
6:30 p.m. Hosanna Handbells  
**No Adult Choir Rehearsal in May**
- Thursday: 8:45 a.m. Morning Watch-Pr. Jennifer - KBRF-AM (1250)  
9:30 a.m. Sr. Bible Study and Coffee – Kairos Room
- Friday: Church Office Closed
- Saturday: Church Office Closed  
1 p.m. Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)

**Next Sunday, May 8**

**MOTHER'S DAY**

- 8:30 & 11 a.m. Blended Worship/Holy Communion/**Children's Choir sings in worship**
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. **Butterflies**
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. **Confirmation Dessert & Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)**

**Red Cross Blood Drive** – scheduled for May 11, 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> at the West Ridge Mall. We would also like to remind the congregation that 16 year olds may donate blood with a signed ‘Official Red Cross Parental Consent Form’. These forms are available at the High School Main office and online at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen> Appointments can be made by calling Dolly Johnson at 739-3772 or Phyllis Knutson at 736-7480. You are positively impacting our community and we thank you for becoming Red Cross Ready!

If you brought in an old trunk for the Task Force to use for decorating during Lent, thank you. You may pick up your trunk from the church office.



**Family Ministry Survey:** Are you interested in family ministry activities at First Lutheran? We're looking for people of all ages to take a survey about family ministry! You can take this survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BF6YJQF> -(or scan the QR code)- Pastor Jennifer is working to gather a family ministry team to help plan some upcoming events - if you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please see Pastor Jennifer.

**The Y's Folks...** Salad Luncheon at the YMCA Community Room on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11-1 pm. Win prizes! Bring a friend! Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$7.00

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Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Hosanna Handbell Director:	Linda Mellon
Sacristans:	8:30-Mark & Susan Hermes 11:00-Carolyn Sund
Greeters:	8:30- Bud & Linda Mellon 11-Darlene Berge & Mary Johnson
Bible Bearer:	8:30- Ken Stensvaag 11-Donovan Wood
Acolytes:	8:30- Olivia Becker, Alexis Larson 11-Cole Knudson, Sara Hansen
Communion Assistants:	8:30- Myron & Lori Brusven 11-Nicholas Johnson, Jake Western
Cantors:	8:30- Clayton Mertz 11- Diane Boen
Lectors:	8:30- Harriet Wicklund 11- Pam Western
P.A. Operator:	8:30- Paul Dimke 11- Margaret Ness-Ludwig

**\*Gospel**

John 14:23-29

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

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

**Sermon**

***The Peace of the Lord***

Pastor Saul

**Hymn of the Day**

***They Cast their Nets***  
(See Insert)

**LBW 449**

**\*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.

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**P** ... Lord, in your mercy, or ... Let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **hear our prayer.** **Lord, have mercy.**

**\*The PEACE is shared**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **And also with you.**

**The Offering**

**\*The Offertory**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*The Great Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution**

ELW page144

**The 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

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Following an ancient tradition, we will stand at the railing during the Easter season when receiving communion*

**Hymns during Communion:**

**ELW 479, 471**

**\*Post Communion Blessing**

**\*Post Communion Hymn**

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

**ELW 204**

**\*Prayer & Benediction**

**\*Dismissal**

P Go in peace. Share the joy of Easter.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Postlude**

\*denotes when to stand

**Join Us for Fellowship and Refreshments** in the narthex following worship. Serving today are the families of Yana & Sophia Prischmann and Hope Fletchall.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Pam & Gregg Western in honor of their wedding anniversary on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Kurt & Pam Gustin in honor of their only grandson's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Known Hospitalized:** Harlan Ernst, Lois Lillemon at Lake Region Hospital.

**Sympathy** to Lynal Oscarson on the death of his son, Richard Oscarson, whose funeral was April 17. Also to Jolene Hansen on the death of her sister, LaJean Peterson.

**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.

**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.

**New & Improved Coffee & Fellowship time** – Starting last Sunday for our Coffee & Fellowship time after first service, we're **proudly serving Stumbeno's coffee**. And, as a way to be more "green", we plan to use ceramic cups each week. Last week, the coffee turned out weak so we've made more improvements!

**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.