

May 17, 2015

Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Lesson Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Second Lesson First John 5:9–13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel John 17:6, 9-18

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

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Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen



From the Rite of Confirmation in the Lutheran Book of Worship

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As we celebrate our confirmands today, we hear Jesus' prayer for them: "Holy Father, protect them in your name.... May they have my joy made complete in themselves." Hearing from their faith papers inspires us and moves us to pray that God would continue to keep them in the faith.

Prelude

Announcements

*Processional Hymn

Lift High the Cross

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*Apostolic Greeting

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*Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836 (v.1)

Joyful, Joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem

The Holy Presence

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Hosanna Handbells
Organ : Anne Taylor

First Lesson

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

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

Second Lesson

First John 5:9–13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

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

This Week at First Lutheran:

Today: 8:30 a.m. Worship/New Members Received/Sunday School Teacher Recognition
9:45 a.m. Sunday School – Last Day
NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
9:45 a.m. New Member Cake & Coffee (Narthex)
10:00 a.m. Youth Room Open House
10:15 a.m. Confirmation Pictures
11:00 a.m. Worship/Rite of Confirmation
5:30 p.m. High School Senior Recognition Dessert

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days
5:00 p.m. AI-Anon
6:30 p.m. Softball: Bell State Bank
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
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Tuesday: **MESSENGER DEADLINE**
9:00 a.m. Staff meeting
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
5:30 p.m. **North Cemetery Clean-Up**

Wed: 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Lake Region Hospital
9:30 am AI-Anon
10:00 a.m. AA

Thursday: 8:45 a.m. M. Watch – Pastor Saul – KBRF AM 1250
9:30 a.m. Sr Bible Study & Coffee

Friday: **Office Closed**

Next Sunday, May 24 - **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS**
9:30 a.m. **Worship/H.S. Recognition**

Please be sure to greet our new members as you exit. They are:

Clarice Ohman

Charles & Kristy, Adeline & Lucas Wicklund

Christine Cooper & Jacob Ecker, Madisen Puttbrese, Maegan Ecker

Wade & Michelle, Summer, Samuel, Corbin & Jack Vogl

Sara & Kristopher, Alison, Emilie, & Benjamin Koch

Zach Rogers (Susie Ouren)

Cemetery Spring Clean-Up! It's that time again and your help is needed! Please meet at the North Cemetery (take Highway 59 North approximately 1 mile from town, take a right on the gravel road to the cemetery) on **Tuesday, May 19** at **5:30 p.m.** Rakes, shovels, and "elbow grease" are needed to do the job! FAMILIES you are asked to remove OLD ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS/ORNAMENTS from their family gravesites prior to clean-up day on May 20 or they will be thrown away.

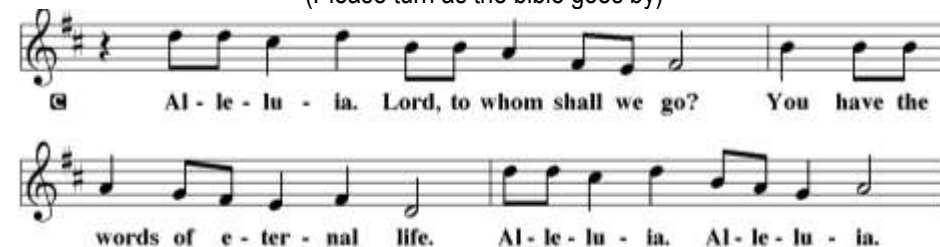
Relay for Life will be held June 19, 2015. We are having a First Lutheran Team again this year. If you would like to join the team, would like to make a donation, purchase a luminary in honor of or in memory of...call Sue Toso at 218-770-5156.

Host Family Needed! – I am a 26 year old female professional student. I have an internship at the Public Health Department and am looking for a place to stay from May 26th until the first week in August. Will pay rent, help with chores, watch kids and do yard work. Call 218-368-5470.

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Part-time Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Council President:	Lisa Wolfe
Ushers:	8:30- Dave & Lorri Holt, Chad & Kelsey Felstul Family 11- Terry Gervais, Tom & Jane Willett
Cantor:	8:30- Linda Mellon 11- Madisen Hinsverk
Sacristan:	8:30 – Mark & Susan Hermes 11- Teresa Shannon
Greeters:	8:30-Duane & Bonnie Gran 11- Jacqueline Ness-Ludwig & family
Acolytes:	8:30-Alexis Larson, Lilly Stumbo 11- Nycole Mouritsen, Aaron Shelstad
Bible Bearers:	8:30 – Olivia Stumbo 11 – Lexi Wentworth
Lectors:	8:30-Sarah Overton 11-Annah Pajari
Hosanna Handbells Director:	Linda Mellon
P.A. Operator:	8:30-Paul Dimke 11- Bud Mellon

***Gospel Acclamation and Procession**

(Please turn as the bible goes by)



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

***Gospel**

John 17:6, 9-18

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

Sermon

Protected and Filled with Joy

Pastor Saul

Hymn of the Day

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

Reception of New Members (8:30)

***The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering/Special Music

Bible School Medley

McChesney

Hosanna Handbells

***Offertory**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Rite of Confirmation (11:00)

ELW Page 234

Welcome to Confirmands

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

***The Prayers**

P Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism today, and for all the baptized everywhere.

P ...Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

***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

*** Prayer, Blessing & Sending**

(Congregational response: "Thanks be to God! Alleluia!")

***Recessional Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836 (v.2-3)

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, canter of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

***Postlude**

At the 8:30 service please allow the New Members to recess first and greet them on the ramp. At the 11 o'clock service please allow confirmands to recess first during postlude.

*indicates when to stand

Altar Flowers are given by Bud and Linda Mellon in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Radio Broadcast is sponsored by the Hosanna Handbells in honor of their director, Linda Mellon, as they play for the last time for the 2014-2015 school year.

Known Hospitalized this week: Luella Estenson and Ethel Kaasa at Lake Region Healthcare. Megan Johnson at Fairview University.

This Morning will be the last Sunday School hour until next fall!

Join Us for Fellowship and Refreshments in the narthex following the 8:30 am worship to welcome our new members. Serving today are members of the Membership Committee.

No Adult Bible Study this morning, the Pastors will be taking pictures with the Confirmands, please go to the narthex and visit with our new members.

Youth Room Open House - Today between services, after you greet our new members, please come and look at the newly remodeled youth room. Special thanks to the First Lutheran Foundation for providing funds for the new carpeting, and thanks to all who worked tirelessly to complete the project!

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.

We will Celebrate Sr. High Recognition Sunday next Sunday, May 24th at 9:30 am.

Summer Schedule Begins NEXT Sunday with one service at 9:30 only. There will be **Thursday evening worship at 5:30 beginning Thursday, May 28th**. Office Hours will be 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday beginning Tuesday, May 26th.

Messenger Deadline is Tuesday, May 19th. It will be a combination for June/July PLEASE look ahead at your calendars so that we get everything in for the next 2 months.

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

Volunteers Needed! The Fergus Falls Habitat for Humanity is looking for reliable volunteers to help with their "Thrivent Builds" Program. This program is focused on light house repairs and various other projects that could take only a few hours of work and up to just one day worth of work! Volunteers must be 18 years or older and should contact Rick @ 736-2905 with questions and interests.