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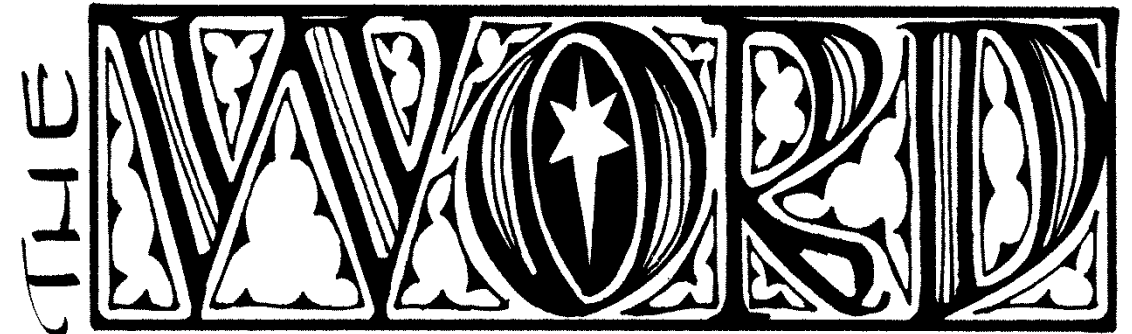
**THE READING. 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15**

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child that is born to you shall die.' Then Nathan went to his house. The Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became very ill.

**GOSPEL. LUKE 7:36-50**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

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*THAT KILLS & MAKES ALIVE*

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When the prophet Nathan looks at King David and says, "You're the man!" he's not praising his athletic ability. Rather, he's pointing out David's terrible sin. Sometimes the Word of God acts to convict us of our sin in a way we cannot ignore or explain away. Only then do we see our need for a savior. Only then are we ready to hear the gospel of forgiveness.

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**\*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

P: Just and gracious God,

C: **we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: The apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to you, ☩ "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you.

C: **Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Oh, Worship the King*

ELW 842 (v. 1-4)

**\*Apostolic Greeting**

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**\*Kyrie**

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**\*The Hymn of Praise**

*This is the Feast*

Women V.1&3    Men V. 2&4

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**This Week at First Lutheran:**

Today: 9:30 a.m.    Worship/Holy Communion

Monday: **8:45-3 p.m.**    **Day Camp**  
9:30-10:30 a.m.    Butterflies VBS  
9:00 a.m.    WELCA Love Days  
5:00 p.m.    AI-Anon  
**6:00 p.m.**    **Cemetery Committee @ North Cemetery**

Tuesday: **8:45-3 p.m.**    **Day Camp**  
9:30-10:30 a.m.    Butterflies VBS  
9:00 a.m.    Staff Meeting  
**6:00 p.m.**    **Church Council Meeting**

Wednesday: **8:45-3 p.m.**    **Day Camp**  
**9:30-10:30 a.m.**    **Butterflies VBS**  
9:30 a.m.    AI-Anon  
10:00 a.m.    AA  
**4:00 p.m.**    **High School Senior FLY Ice Cream Meet-Up**

Thursday: **8:45-3 p.m.**    **Day Camp @ Luther Crest Bible Camp**  
8:45 a.m.    Morning Watch – Pr. Saul– KBRF AM 1250  
**9:30-10:30 a.m.**    **Butterflies VBS**  
**No Sr Bible Study & Coffee (Will resume in July)**  
5:30 p.m.    Worship

Friday:    **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Next Sunday, June 19**

9:30 a.m.    Worship

Senior Pastor: Saul Stensvaag  
Associate Pastor: Jennifer Rose  
Visitation Pastor: Stan Satre  
Sunday School Superintendent: Cindy Larson  
Council President: Elizabeth Abrahams  
Organist: Keith Melberg  
Sacristan: Carolyn Sund  
Cantor: Cyntreya Lockett  
Communion Assistants: Margaret Kratzke, Ashley Shuck  
Acolyte: Ethan Menge, Andreyia Lockett  
Lector: Andreyia Lockett

**Coffee and Refreshments:** Join us for coffee and goodies in the Narthex this morning, Our First Lutheran Relay For Life Team will be serving.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Tedd Steenbock & Patti Norby-Steenbock in celebration of their wedding anniversary on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Rod & Marilyn Berg in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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.

**Just a Reminder** that if you are unable to attend worship on Sunday mornings we have an **ALTERNATIVE**...Please join us on Thursday evenings for worship at 5:30 pm here in the sanctuary.

**On Sunday, July 3,** we will join with the other local ELCA congregations for a joint outdoor worship & potluck at 10:30 a.m. at Adams (Grotto) Park. (There will be no worship at First Lutheran Church that morning)

**Relay for Life** will be held June 17, 2016. We are having a First Lutheran Team again this year. If you would like to join the team, make a donation, or purchase a luminary in honor of or in memory of someone, please call Sue Toso at 218-770-5156.

**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.

**PioneerCare** is seeking help with setting up and serving at its Annual Family Picnic for residents and their guests on Friday, July 1. To help at PioneerCare Center, please call Liane at 218-998-1506. To volunteer at Pioneer Pointe and PioneerCare Suites, please call Steph at 218-739-7772.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .  
C Amen

**Special Music**

***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me***

arr. Everett Jacobson

**The Reading**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15

*King David seduced his neighbor Bathsheba and was responsible for the death of her husband, Uriah. God sends the prophet Nathan to confront the king. Nathan tells the king a parable and opens David's eyes to see his own guilt.*

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

(Congregation responds after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

**\*Gospel**

Luke 7:36-50

*Through a dramatic encounter of rich and poor, righteous and sinner, Jesus teaches the relationship between receiving mercy and responding with a lavish outpouring of love. Jesus also provokes his host by claiming authority to forgive sins.*

(Congregation responds after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

**Sermon**

***The Word that Kills and Makes Alive***

Pastor Saul

**Hymn of the Day**

***Just As I Am, without One Plea***

**ELW 592**

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

**\*The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy, **OR**  
C **hear our prayer.**

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

**\*The PEACE is shared**

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

**Offering**

***When the Saints go Marching In***

arr. Everett Jacobson

**\*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 Great Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution**

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**\* The Lord's Prayer** (alternate version)

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.

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Hymns during Communion:**

**ELW 629, 483**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post Communion Hymn**

***Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise***

**ELW 204**

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ry-one what God has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.  
 Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with  
 shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**\*Prayer, Benediction. & Sending**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God

**\*Postlude**

\*indicates when the Congregation stands

**Attention Day Camp Families:** Luther Crest Day Camp is this week! Please Drop off kids here at First Lutheran Church in the Chapel at 9:00 AM on Monday! If you haven't signed up yet we still have room! See Pastor Jennifer to get signed up today!

**"Butterflies" VBS** starts bright and early tomorrow from 9:00-10:30 Monday-Thursday. Preschoolers can come with a parent or caring adult to enjoy learning about Gods love! Gather in the Narthex for a fun week of fellowship!

**Family Ministry Finding Dory Night:** Wednesday June 22 at 7PM at the Westridge Theater in Fergus Falls. All Ages Welcome - Family Ministry is for all ages and all families! Pre-order tickets on the info counter by June 19th for discounted tickets of \$5/adult and \$4/child ages 3-12. Join us for a night of family fun!

**Family Ministry Redhawks Game:** Saturday July 9 at 6 PM in Fargo at Newman Field. Purchase your own tickets ahead of time at [www.fmredhawks.com](http://www.fmredhawks.com). We will try to sit together in section A. All ages welcome! See Pastor Jennifer if you need help ordering tickets! Join us for a fun time!

**Youth Lock-In:** Wednesday June 29-Thursday June 30, for next year's grades 8-12. Sign up at the info counter and look there for more details of what to bring. Friends welcome! Adult help very much welcomed (See Pastor Jennifer for more details!)

**Would you like to buy a T-shirt with the First Lutheran Youth (F.L.Y.) logo on it?** You can! Shirts are being sold at <https://www.booster.com/fly-shirts> for a limited time. Shirts are \$20 and are available in sizes Youth XS through Adult 4X. (Sales will go until June 26 and delivery will be mid-July.) If you have any questions, please contact pastor Jennifer.



**Women's Week at Luther Crest Bible Camp Monday – June 21, 22, 23**

**Theme for 2016: A Woman's Life in Christ: Mary & Martha**

- First Lutheran women will travel to Luther Crest on **Tuesday, June 21**, leaving the lower level parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and returning around 6:00 p.m.
- Keynote speaker is Marilyn Sharp. More information available on the kiosk or by calling Margaret Kratzke at 736-3697. Childcare is available. \$100 per carload for the day which includes registration, noon lunch, and treats.
- Those of you who have experienced a day at Luther Crest know what an "inspirational and fun day" it is, so please encourage some of your friends to come and join us for the day. First timers do not pay. Transportation is provided.

**ATTENTION OWLS:** Check kiosk for information on "The Winnipeg Folklorama." It is an unusual experience—you would need a Passport. Sign up sheet on Info Counter and Margaret Kratzke will take care of the details. Indicate your interest before June 27.