

September 13, 2015

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**SECOND LESSON. James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**GOSPEL. Matthew 5:13-16**

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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**Rally Sunday**  
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As we welcome our Sunday School Students back to Sunday School, we celebrate this year's Sunday School theme: "Shine." At our baptism we heard the words "Let your light Shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." What do these words mean? And how do we let our light shine?

**Gathering Songs**

***Go Make a Difference  
Rock of My Salvation  
Every Move I Make***

Worship Team  
Angrisano  
Miller  
Crowder

**Announcements**

**\*Processional Hymn**

***Shine Jesus Shine***

**ELW 671**

**\*Apostolic Greeting**

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**\*Kyrie**

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**\*Hymn of Praise**

***This is the Feast***

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**\*Prayer of the Day**

**3 year old Milestone Blessing**

**First Lesson**

Deuteronomy 11:18-28

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

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

**Second Lesson**

Romans 13:8-14

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it is to reflect our faith.*

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

**Fellowship and Refreshments** will be served in the narthex following worship. Serving today are the families of CJ Ward & Nate Ronning.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Bob & Vonnie Baker in celebration of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Kelsee, Joe, and Kinsee Ellig in memory of Kelsee's mother, Loree Macintosh.

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

**Children's Offering** - Related to our Sunday School Theme, "Shine," our Children's offering collected during worship will be given to one of our benevolences, ELCA World Hunger. Specifically, a project to provide mosquito nets to help eliminate Malaria in Africa.

Karen Randleman's mother, Mary Smith, died recently. The service for Mary is on September 26 at 1:00; at United Methodist in Marshall, Minnesota. Dewey and Karen Randleman were a part of our First Lutheran family for many years. They moved to Arizona and Dewey passed away several years ago. Karen continues to live there with their 2 daughters and families nearby. Prayers are needed. Thank you.

**PioneerCare Auxiliary** will host its annual Apple Dumpling Day on Saturday, October 3 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. All are welcome to attend the autumn celebration and fundraiser at PioneerCare Center. Guests will enjoy warm apple dumplings and other treats and shop for home grown produce, canned items, crafts and more. Quilt drawing to be held at 4:00 PM. More details are available by calling Liane at 218-998-1506.

**The Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for September 16, 17 and 18, and will be located at the Westridge Mall (Note [change](#)). We would also like to remind you 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 218-739-3772 and Phyllis Knutson at 218-736-7480

**Job Opportunity:** We are looking for someone to fill the Nursery Caretaker position on Sunday mornings. This is a paid position - \$10-15 per hour. Please contact Pastor Jennifer, Steve Emerson, or the church office if you are interested in this position.

**God's Work: Our Hands Sunday is coming, September 20th.** Join the wider church (ELCA) Members from Fergus Falls in a joint, large scale service project, the afternoon of September 20th! More details will come soon about service project possibilities. Service options will be given for people of all ages and physical abilities. Sign-up today at the info counter for an opportunity that interests you!

**Our Lady of Victory Church** will be holding their Fall Festival on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, including a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, raffle with \$5,000 grand prize, silent auction, bingo, and children's games. Please join us for dinner, served from 11:00-1<sup>st</sup>00, raffle drawing at 2:30 p.m.

**3 year olds beginning Sunday School today are**

Madelyn Duenow, Kinsee Ellig, Henry Fuder, Issac Haarstad, Backham Harris, Bowman Harris, Lizzie Jyrkas, Benjamin Kitzman, Rylie Kutzke, Bryer Maack, Gavin Muchow, Sophia Neubauer, Harper Peasley, Emily Rovang, Selja Smestad, Maya Stortroen, and Adeline Wicklund.

Any 3 year old not listed here feel welcome to join us in front and come to Sunday School this morning! **Remember to come to your Sunday School Classroom this morning for a short class and then we will go to Butterflies from there.**

**Thank You to the Foundation for donating the Bibles the children receive this morning!**

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
Ushers:	8:30- Shirley Peterson, Matt Flugstad, John & Karma Wagner 11:00- Wade & Michelle Vogl, Larry Goos, Kristi Wentworth Anne Taylor
Worship Team Leader:	
Greeters:	8:30- Pat & Selmer Trosvig 11:00- Anthony & Joyce Perez
Communion Assistants:	8:30- Tom & Lisa Wolfe 11:00- Steve & Kathy Emerson
Acolytes:	8:30- Cole Knudson, Nycole Mouritsen 11:00- Alexis Larson, Madeline Trosvig
Sacristans:	8:30-Teresa Shannon 11:00-Carolyn Sund
Lectors:	8:30- Kevyn Heck 11:00- Pamela Schrodren
P.A. Operator:	8:30&11:00-LeAnne Jaenisch

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



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

**\*Gospel**

Matthew 5:13-16

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

**Sermon**

**Shine**

Pastor Saul & Pastor Jennifer

**Hymn of the Day**

**This Little Light of Mine**

**ELW 677**

(children come forward on the last verse)

**Special Children's Event**

**\*Apostles' Creed**

Inside back cover of ELW

**\* The Prayers**

**\* The PEACE is shared**

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

**Offering**

**Welcome Home**  
Worship Team

Ylvisaker

**\*Offertory Response**

**We Are an Offering**

**ELW 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift up our voices, we lift up our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering, we are an offering.

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**\*Holy Communion**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\* 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 Communion**

**Hymns during Communion**

ELW 595

**\* Post Communion Blessing**

**\* Post Communion**

**My Life Is In You, Lord**

D. Gardner

Worship Team

My life is in You, Lord, My strength is in You, Lord  
My hope is in You, Lord In You, it's in You. (Repeat)

I will praise You with all of my heart.

I will praise You with all of my hope.

With all of my life, and all of my strength. All of my hope is in You.

**\* Benediction and Sending**

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

**\* Postlude**

**Reprise of My Life is in You, Lord**

\* Indicates when congregation stands

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**This Week at First Lutheran:**

Today **8:30 & 11:00 am**

9:45 am

9:45 am

10:00 am

**12:00 pm**

Monday:

**8:00-3:00pm**

9:00-3:00pm

5:00 p.m.

7:00 pm

Tuesday:

9:00 a.m.

5:30 pm

Wednesday:

**7:00 a.m.**

9:30 am

10:00 am

**3:45 p.m.**

**4:30 p.m.**

6:00 pm

**6:30 p.m.**

7:30 pm

**7:30 p.m.**

Thursday:

8:45 a.m.

9:30 am

Friday:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 p.m.

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

**Worship/Holy Communion/ Pre-School 1 Blessing**

Butterflies

Sunday School

Adult Bible Study

**SuperFLY Youth Mud Run**

**OWLs Event – Prospect House in Battle Lake**

WELCA Love Days

Al-Anon

Boy Scouts

Staff Meeting

Girl Scouts

**Men's Bible Study at Lake Region Hospital**

Al-Anon

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**Children's Choir**

**FLY 57**

Hosanna Handbells

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation begins**

Adult Choir

**Senior FLY begins**

Morning Watch-Pr. Jennifer-KBRF-AM (1250)

Senior Coffee & Bible Study

Hagebock/Lillemon Wedding Rehearsal

Hagebock/Lillemon Wedding

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**10:00 a.m.**

10:00 am

**12:00-3:00 pm**

Worship/Holy Communion/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone Blessing

Sunday School

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone Class**

Adult Bible Study

**"God's Work. Our Hands." Community Service Projects**