

We are all one body, one spirit, compelled by Christ to share his Word and the promise of salvation.

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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

**Sunday, April 29, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN No. 449 "We Know That Christ is Raised"

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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HYMN OF PRAISE..... Page 148

“Glory to God”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC..... Sunday School Children

HEARING GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 8: 26-40

26An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) 27So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” 30So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a

sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. 33In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth. 34The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" 38He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Here ends the first lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

C: Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON:I John 4:7-21

7Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

10In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever

fears has not reached perfection in love. 19We love because he first loved us. 20Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Here ends the second lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON.....Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 377“Alleluia, Jesus is Risen” (vs. 1,2,5)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

RECEIVING OF OUR MORNING OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 671 WOV.....

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks” (Vs.

1,2)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

GOD’S PEOPLE SENT FORTH

BENEDICTION:

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN No. 713..... “O God of Every Nation”

POSTLUDE

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THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is sponsored by Rob Woodbury, in memory of his sister, Cindy Woodbury.

WELCOME! Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today.

Ministers	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader	Joyce Colvin
Organist	Jeanine Olson
Acolytes	Mason Musch & Kaden Musch
Ushers	Ron Hellie, Mark Christensen, Mike Straw, Bob Hubner, Brady Legler
Sound	Neil Johnson & Jason Weber

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Carol Schlim, Deb Smith, Ron Hellie’s sister, Linda, as she struggles with health issues and Lorraine Johnson as she struggles with health issues.

Assisted listening devices are available from the ushers.
PLEASE remember to turn off Cell Phones and Pagers during worship.

THIS WEEKS’ SCHEDULE — April 29, 2018

TODAY

9:30am - Worship/Noisy Offering/Walking Sunday
9:45am - Sunday School
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
2:30pm - Father/Daughter Dance @ PAS High School

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm - Choir

NEXT SUNDAY -

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion 9:45am - Sunday School
10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

2018 April Giving

Monthly Income Required to Operate	\$ 17,800.00
Weekly Giving - April 1	\$ 5,930.00
Weekly Giving - April 8	\$ 3,211.95
Wednesday Giving - April 15	\$ 2,735.00
Weekly Giving - April 22	\$ 4,002.05
Total amount to date	\$ 15,879.00



Father/Daughter DANCE

TODAY

Pipestone High School Gymnasium

Schedule of Events

2:00 - 2:30: Doors open - Registration

& Public Photos

2:30 - 3:30: Grand March - Open to the Public

3:30 - 4:30: Dance & Activities

Cost : Priceless (No Charge!)

FLCW Spring Salad Luncheon

"Crazy For Cookie Jars"

Wed., May 9, 2018 11am - 1pm



Tickets are \$7.00 each & are available from FLCW ,the Church office or at the door. Everyone is Welcome!

First Lutheran Church needs 2
Delegates for the 2018 Synod
Assembly June 8-9, 2018 Redwood
Area Community Center (RACC),
Redwood Falls, MN
Theme: "Do Not Be Afraid. It is I.
Come. . . "
Theme Text: Matthew 14:27
Theme Hymn: "You Are Mine"

