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

Matthew 28



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

**Sunday, May 6, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MILESTONE: 3 and 4 YEAR OLD BIBLE PRESENTATION

OPENING SONG "Hosanna Praise is Rising"

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC Worship Team "This Little Light of Mine"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PSALM 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C: O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: I John 5:1-6

1Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is

it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Here ends the second lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 9“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

SONG OF THE DAY “Sing For Joy”

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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 “The B-I-B-L-E”

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.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Now let us feast on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION SONGS **"How Beautiful"**
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

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 SONG **"Shine Jesus Shine"**

POSTLUDE

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THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is in celebration of finally being able to celebrate '*Spring*' by Gregg and Nancy Johnson.

WELCOME! Great to have you here! Thank you for choosing to worship with us here today. We practice open Communion at First Lutheran. If you believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, his body and blood shed for you, you are welcome to our table. Apple juice is available upon request.

Ministers	Members of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	Rev. Joyce Tollefson Capp
Reader	Mark Zinnel
Music	Worship Team
Acolytes	Chase Wilson & Ryan Woodbury
Ushers	Gene Spicer, Chuck Ness, Rob Woodbury & Ron Capp
Sound	Brad Willey & Mike Straw
Communion Assistant	Mark Zinnel

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Carol Schlim, Deb Smith, Ron Hellie’s sister, Linda, as she struggles with health issues, Lorraine Johnson, as she struggles with health issues and Lois Sorenson, as she is now on Hospice care.

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

THIS WEEKS’ SCHEDULE — May 6, 2018

<u>TODAY</u>	
9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion	
9:45am <u>Last Sunday</u> of Sunday School	10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
<u>TUESDAY</u>	
8:30am - Ministerial Assoc. meeting	10:30am - Good Samaritan
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
11am - 1pm - FLCW Salad Luncheon	7:00pm - Choir
8:00pm Council meeting	
<u>THURSDAY</u>	
9:30am - Quilting	4 -5:00pm - Second Harvest
6:30pm - Walk & Talk	
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> -	
9:30am - Worship Communion/Holy Communion/	
2018 Senior Graduates Sunday	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
Weekly Giving - April 15	\$ 2,735.00
Weekly Giving - April 22	\$ 4,002.05
Weekly Giving - April 29	\$ 3,374.20
Total Monthly Giving	\$ 19,253.20
Net Revenue	\$ 1,453.20

FLCW Spring Salad Luncheon

"Crazy For Cookie Jars"

Wed., May 9, 2018 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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." Theme Text: Matthew 14:27 Theme Hymn: "You Are Mine"



PUT A 'SPRING' IN YOUR STEP

"Walk & Talk on Your Own" will be available throughout the year. Invite a friend to join you. Walk the path anytime during Church hours - Mon-Thurs 9am - 4pm. ***Spend 10 minutes walking around your house -taking 2 steps forward & 1 step backward. Notice that you still move forward. Also, walking backward exercises different muscles than walking forward.*



2018 Senior Graduates "Senior Sunday" will be held on Sunday, May 13th, 2018 during the 9:30am Worship Service. Please plan to attend to congratulate our Senior students !

Companion Sunday May 20th



Speakers -Dale & Anita Holmes will speak on how the ELCA has companion synod relationships that connect Lutheran churches throughout the world with ELCA synods and congregations. These relationships are rooted in "accompaniment," which promotes the values of mutuality, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment, and sustainability.

Noisy Offering will be received.

WANTED:

Part-time Custodial person to work with Mark Zinnel. If you are interested - please contact the Church office at 825-5837.

