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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 SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

**Sunday, May 13, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION & HONORING GRADUATING SENIORS

OPENING SONG "This World Is Yours"

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: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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..... Worship Team "Mother's Prayer"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PSALM 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: I John 5:9-13

9If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10Those 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. 11And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13I 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.

Here ends the second lesson.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed:] 6“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. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I 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. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And 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. 12While 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. 13But 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. 14I 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. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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 “The Words I Would Say”

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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 SONG “Borning Cry”

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 “This Little Light of Mine”
“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” “Potter’s Hand”**

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 “Find Your Wings”

POSTLUDE

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THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is in celebration of life, Bree Woelber’s birthday from her family.

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	Shelly Werner
Music	Worship Team
Acolytes	Traeten Rustad & Madison Gunnink
Ushers.	Gene Spicer, Chuck Ness, Rob Woodbury & Ron Capp
Sound	Jason Weber & Bob Douty
Communion Assistant	Hunter Burnett & Andrew Jansen

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Carol Schlim, Deb Smith, Dick Schulze, Ron & Karen Hellie on the passing of Ron’s sister, Linda, Lorraine Johnson, as she struggles with health issues, Mick & LaDonna Meyers on the passing of their brother-in-law, Ron Meyer and Bill Sorenson & his family on the passing of Lois.

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

THIS WEEKS’ SCHEDULE — May 13, 2018

TODAY - MOTHER’S DAY

9:30am - Worship/Holy Communion/2018 Senior Sunday/
 Noisy Offering
 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

THURSDAY

9:15am - Praise Circle will meet at the Church
 9:30am - Joy Circle
 1:30pm Peace Circle
 6:30pm - “Walk & Talk”

NEXT SUNDAY -

9:30am - Worship Communion
 10:30am - Companion Synod /Coffee Fellowship

Congratulations to the following 2018 Graduating Seniors:

Hunter Burnett - Aaron & Melissa Burnett
Andrew Jansen - Teresa Jansen and the late David Jansen
Quinn Leddy - Scot Leddy, Carrie Leddy
Sean Roelfsema Hummel - Leah & Mark Ference, Chris Hummel
Charlie Rops - Tish Kalla, Steve Rops
Shelly Werner - Steve Werner and the late Rae Werner



*Each graduate will be honored with a quilt made by the women of First Lutheran.

☆ **Baccalaureate ~ Wednesday, May 23 @7:00pm**
Graduation ~ Sunday, May 27 @ 2:00 p.m.

2018 May Giving

Monthly Income Required to Operate	\$ 17,800.00
Weekly Giving - May 6	\$ 5,488.50
Weekly Giving - May 13	\$
Weekly Giving - May 20	\$
Weekly Giving - May 27	\$



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. ** While you watch television, try doing some bicep curls with hand weights or a few squats.



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.



Happy Mother's Day !!!