

First Lutheran Church
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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



DAY OF PENTECOST
Sunday, May 20, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to worship: A Litany for Partnership Sunday

L: Holy God, you give life and breath to all people.

C: Jesus commissioned his followers to make disciples of all nations.

L: He instructed Peter: "Feed my lambs, take care of my sheep. Feed my sheep."

C: You call us into your worldwide Church

L: that with those of different races, and language,

C: different experiences and traditions,

L: men, women and children, young and old alike,

C: We may be one body, walking together,

L: to the glory of Christ on earth.

C: Help us to be what you have called us to be! Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 325 "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

Prayer of Confession:

L: Lord Jesus Christ you have been the faithful sower, scatterings seeds of God's love and grace in our lives.

C: We confess that our hearts have often been like hard soil or shallow soil, or thorny soil, stunting the seed and failing to bear fruit. We confess that we have often neglected our task of sowing the good news of your kingdom, and of bringing the good news of your love to others. Forgive us and renew us, so that we might grow more in our faith and bear the fruit of your mercy, fruit of your love and of your undying life. Amen.

L: God has heard your words of confession and God forgives you. Go and live the gospel. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day:

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Music Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

C: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

C: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

C: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

C: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

C: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Companion Synod Presentation: Dale and Anita Holmes

Hymn of the Day No. 755 WOV “We All Are One in Mission”

African Creed:

L: Together we confess our faith:

C: We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

Receiving Our Morning Offering

Offertory Hymn No. 650 WOV

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Offertory Prayer:

All good gifts come from you, gracious God. We give you thanks for your generosity and all that we have. We thank you for food and clothing, home and shelter and so much more. From what you have first given us we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the building of your kingdom and for your purpose in this place. Help us to share generously with those in need and those in our Companion Synod. In the name of Christ, whose giving knows no ending we pray. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction:

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **C: Amen.**
(Ephesians 3:20-21)

Sending Hymn No. 546 “To Be Your Presence”

Postlude

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THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is in memory of Kelli Dickerson, son of Bill & Joyce Kunz.

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

We thank Dale & Anita Holmes for speaking to us today.

Dale & Anita have been members of the Shetek Conference Partnership Committee for 10 years. Dale is the current chairperson and Anita served as treasurer for 4 years. They’ve traveled and have been on mission trips to Ondini Circuit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Africa, which is located near the Drakensburg Mountains. They’ve also hosted visitors from South Africa twice.

Dale & Anita are members and serve on the Council of the Immanuel Lutheran church in rural Fulda. They serve on the Companion Synod Committee representing the Shetek Conference and Dale serves on the SW MN Synod Council. They live on an acreage southwest of Fulda where they raise goats, ducks, chickens & geese along with their furry friends - Annie their Australian Shepherd & a crew of barn cats. Contact information: Dale & Anita Holmes oldgoatdah@gmail.com (507) 929.5289

Minister	Members of First Lutheran Church
Worship Leader	Bradley Willey
Reader	Joyce Colvin
Organist	Sandy Roemmich
Acolytes	Kaitlyn & Kennedy Maschino
Sound	Brad Willey & Mark Zinnel
Ushers	Gene Spicer, Chuck Ness, Rob Woodbury & Ron Capp

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Carol Schlim, Deb Smith, Dick Schulze, 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. The funeral service for Lois will be June 2nd, 2018 @ 10:30am.

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

THIS WEEKS' SCHEDULE — May 20, 2018

TODAY

9:30am - Worship/Companion Synod Presentation/Noisy Offering

10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

Pastor will be attending a Continuing Education Conference & will returning May 29th

WEDNESDAY

8:30am - PEO - Fireside room

7:00pm - Choir

7:30pm - Baccalaureate @ St. Leo's Church

THURSDAY

9:30am - Quilting

6:30pm - "Walk & Talk"

NEXT SUNDAY -

9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship

2:00pm - PAS High School Graduation

2018 May Giving

Monthly Income Required to Operate	\$ 17,800.00
Weekly Giving - May 6 th	\$ 5,488.50
Weekly Giving -May 13 th	\$ 3,819.07
Total to Date	\$ 9,307.57



Companion Sunday TODAY 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.

First Lutheran Church needs 2 Delegates for the 2018 Synod Assembly June 8-9, 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. Walk the path anytime during Church hours - Mon Thurs 9am - 4pm. *A great way to get exercise & appreciate God's creation is to go for a hike. Try hiking the path at the Pipestone National Monument.

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



Join us for a night of fun & fellowship at the "FLY Night at the Birdcage"! Monday, July 16th, 2018 @ 7:00pm. Sioux Falls 'Canaries' vs. the Fargo-Moorhead 'Redhawks'. Tickets - \$6 Sign up on the FLY board or contact the Church office @ 825-5837.

Thank you to all who made "Crazy for Cookie Jars" a successful Salad Luncheon & to all who let us use their cookie jars. We had many compliments on them & of course, the delicious salads. Special thank you to Darlene Muller and Nyla Schumann for chairing this event. Thanks to Paul Johnson & Mark Zinnel for running the dishwasher, and Jeanine Olson & Sandy Roemmich for the lovely piano music. We served about 160 people. Profit should be around \$1000.00. If you have ticket money, please get it to the church soon. See you again next year!



Noisy Offering

Thank you for the generous donation of \$262.27! The Noisy offering will be

donated to the Companion Synod and will continue as an offering through the month of June.

Aging Faithfully 2018 Conference

Thursday, July 26, 2017

8am - 2:30pm

Augustana University Elmen Center

2505 S. Grange Ave.

Tickets: \$25 through July 16;

\$35 on/after July 17

"Spirituality and well-being in the second half of life"

