

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



THE HOLY TRINITY
Sunday, May 27, 2018
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Military Tribute

Opening Hymn No. 888 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Call to worship:

L: O Lord open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

L: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. **C: Amen.**

L: O come let us worship and bow down.

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our God.

L: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,

C: That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

L: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

C: We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.

L: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

C: We remember faithful fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.

L: We remember those who served and have returned home some with scars that are visible and scars that are invisible.

C: We thank you God for their giving of their time and bring healing and renewal.

L: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence; for a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their all. (a moment of silence)

L: We gather to give glory to God, who calls us to use our freedom peaceably.

C: Our God is a God of all nations and peoples. May our worship of God unite rather than divide us.

L: Let us pray:

C: God, you are our strength and our shield. We give you thanks for the men and women of our armed forces, past and present, and especially for those who have died while serving. May their sacrifices serve the cause of peace, and may our nation be ever grateful for their service. With your wisdom and strength guide our military's leaders, and give to all people a desire for justice and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music "Hallelujah" Video

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21

So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

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

Psalm 72: A prayer for justice and righteousness.

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

C: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy and crush the oppressor.

L: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

L: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon

is no more.

C: May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

L: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

C: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

L: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

C: From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

L: Long may he live! May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun.

C: May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy.

L: Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

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

Galatians 5:13-26

For you

were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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

Gospel: St. John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell

you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

Meditation: Memorial Day or Sharing by Veterans

Hymn of the Day No. 887 “This Is My Song”

Prayers of the Church

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs. Thank you for the freedom we enjoy in this country, for opportunities to flourish, and for the security of our land. May we be more grateful for our blessings, more faithful in stewarding them well, more eager to share them with others.

Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

L: Even as we remember those who have given their lives in the past, we also think of those whose lives are on the line today. We think especially of the men and women who are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and in other places of conflict and violence. Protect them. Encourage them. Bring them home safely and soon. Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

L: Give wisdom to the leaders of our armed services, that they might know how best to deploy the troops in the cause of freedom. May their efforts be successful, so that true peace with justice might be established in our world.

Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

L: Guide those who lead our nation in international affairs. Help them to pursue diplomatic paths that prevent needless conflict. May they have your wisdom about when and how to use the military might you have entrusted to us. Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

L: God of peace, stir in the hearts of the leaders of all nations and in all who would use violence to further their cause. Change their hearts and minds. Give them a passion for peace. Bring an end to the pain, suffering, injustice, and violence in our world. Lord in your mercy, **C:**

Hear our prayer.

RECEIVING OUR MORNING OFFERING

Offertory

Offertory Prayer:

Lord, we thank for your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in you. You are an abundant God and out of your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it we worship you and give our whole selves to You. Please now take it and use it for your kingdom and your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn No. 890 “Mine Eyes have Seen the Glory”

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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THE WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST today is in honor of Dwight & Sheila Horton’s 45th Wedding Anniversary.

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

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| Minister | Members of First Lutheran Church |
| Worship Leader | Bradley Willey |
| Reader | Lori Ilse |
| Veterans | Gene Spicer, Cristy Appel, Bob Douty |
| Organist | Je anine Olson |
| Acolytes | Ale x Willey & Caleb Velde |
| Sound | Bo b Douty & Neil Johnson |
| Ushers | Gene Spicer, Chuck Ness, Rob Woodbury & Ron Capp |

† **Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Carol Schlim, Deb Smith, Dick Schulze, Bill Sorenson & his family on the passing of Lois. The funeral service for Lois will be June 2nd, 2018 @ 10:30am and Bill & Joyce Kunz on the passing of Bill’s sister, Mary Farmer.

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

THIS WEEKS’ SCHEDULE — May 27, 2018

TODAY

9:30am - Worship/Noisy Offering 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship
2:00pm - PAS High School Graduation
Pastor is attending a Continuing Ed Conference & will return May 29th

MONDAY

Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm - Choir

THURSDAY

6:30pm - “Walk & Talk”

NEXT SUNDAY

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

2018 May Giving

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| Monthly Income Required to Operate | \$ 17,800.00 |
| Weekly Giving - May 6 th | \$ 5,488.50 |
| Weekly Giving - May 13 th | \$ 3,819.07 |
| Weekly Giving - May 20 th | \$ 3,085.77 |
| Total to Date | \$ 12,393.34 |

First Lutheran Church is in need of 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. * When you go to the grocery
 store, once you've loaded up your cart, take an extra
 walk around the store.

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 16, 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.

Noisy Offering

Thank you for the generous donation of
 \$395.04! The Noisy offering will be donated to
 the Companion Synod and will continue as an
 offering through the month of June.



Needed: Part-time Manager for the Fair Stand & a
 Runner needed to pick up food & supplies when
 needed. All Church members - young & old are always
 Welcome to sign up to help & have some fun !