

A vertical rectangular image featuring a sunset over a mountain range. The sun is a bright yellow circle in the center, with rays of light. The sky transitions from orange near the horizon to a pale blue at the top. The mountains are silhouetted against the bright light, creating a layered effect. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Peace

be with you.

JOHN 20:26

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, April 19, 2020

9:30 AM Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

(Facebook Live because of Coronavirus Pandemic)

PRELUDE AND BELLS

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GATHERING HYMN LBW #249

“God Himself Is Present”

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read in Unison)

Living God, you are our life, our hope, our strength. Grant that we who have not seen may have the faith to trust in you through all things, that we might receive the peace of Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READINGActs 2:14a, 22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

²⁵ For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’
²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the
patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb
is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing
that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one
of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke
about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned
to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God
raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

PSALM.....Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”
³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.
⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.
⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
⁸ I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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GOSPEL READINGJohn 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him,

“My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

HYMN LBW #147
"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives"

SERMON Pastor Curt Hanson

HYMN LBW #352
"I know that My Redeemer Lives!"

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BENEDICTION

HYMN WOV #780
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR Pastor Curt Hanson
PIANIST LeAnn Richard
MUSIC Randy & Gwen Hall
ALTAR CARE..... Claudette Ness & Maybell Job
VIDEOGRAPHERMatt Gardner

Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Words of Welcome

The risen Christ appears among us – despite our locked hearts, our fears, our attempts to hide – and says, “Peace.”

Prayer Requests

Mona Jorgenson – Mother to Carla Bickert, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Mike Thyberg, Lonnie Wollmuth – Brother to Steve Wollmuth, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, David Riden, Laren Holznagel, Taylor Cain – Son-in-law to Tricia Sabin, Sydney Haas – Cousin to Sharon Nelson, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Robert Henke – Son-in-law to Audrey Pauling, Taylor Gardner, Melisa Chrest, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, Jacklyne Carlson, Amber Selken – Sister to Wendy Miller, Billy Gardner – Father to Matt Gardner, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Shirley Nelson, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

Updates

Updates for First Lutheran Church are as follows:

- Virtual communion will be suspended by order of Bishop Daniel W. Selbo of NALC and a notice will be posted on First Lutheran website and also included in the newsletter.
- We will adhere to the order from Governor Burgum for no gatherings of over 10 people until further notice, and continue with virtual church service until the order is lifted. Worship services will be done by Facebook Live.
- The front door only will be open daily from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm to help keep traffic down during this pandemic.
- We ask that you remember your tithing for the church. Either send your payment to the church or drop it off at Farmers Security Bank in Washburn notating it is a donation for First Lutheran Church.

Call Committee

The call committee will virtually meet this Sunday, April 19th, at 6:00 pm.

Newsletter Deadline

Please have all articles for the May newsletter to the church office by tomorrow, April 20th.

Piano

The console piano in the church basement is open to bids from First Lutheran members. Bids will be accepted until June 14, 2020 by submitting a bid to Jeannette at the First Lutheran Church email address, flc@westriv.com. The piano will need to be removed by June 30, 2020.

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Second Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2020

*“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’”*

–John 20:21–

Every Sunday he made his way toward the exit. George shook my hand and always said the same thing, “Peace be with you.” This has stood out for me in a couple of different ways. The first is that George never participated in the sharing of the peace, unless I or someone in the congregation made it a point to go to him, but this peace was almost always shared as he was leaving the church. It would be the last words I heard from him most weeks.

When George came to the point where he could no longer attend the liturgy due to health issues, I realized how much I missed this simple greeting, especially in light of the verse noted above. As Jesus is preparing for the time of his ascension, he is imparting to the disciples peace. Such peace is not the absence of conflict. Jesus prepared the disciples not simply to be ready for conflict, but hatred and persecution. He further prepared them for the reality of death, that as Jesus was put to death by those who hated him, so too would be his disciples.

The peace we have comes in Jesus’ promise going back to his final words before his crucifixion. “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

When we go out into the world, we enter a world where Christian values are or already have eroded. We go into a world that has drastically different values. The world has rejected basic biology of being created male and female, has abandoned God’s design for marriage as being between a man and woman, has lifted up abortion as the answer to unexpected pregnancies, and labels as hate speech basic biblical teaching that does not endorse the “almighty me” ideology. Yes, faithful witness to Christ will be challenging. Yet, in our witness to Jesus we have peace.

As we go, remember that we go with the presence of Christ. “Lo, I am with you always to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20) We go with the one who is the Prince of Peace, from whom nothing can separate us (Romans 8).