

**The word
of the Lord
remains
forever.**

1 Peter 1:25



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, April 26, 2020

9:30 AM Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

(Facebook Live because of Coronavirus Pandemic)

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GATHERING HYMN LBW #149

“This Joyful Eastertide”

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read in Unison)

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-20

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and

brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

PSALM.....Psalm 116:1-14

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

⁶ The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;

⁹ I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁰ I believed, even when I spoke:
“I am greatly afflicted”;

¹¹ I said in my alarm,
“All mankind are liars.”

¹² What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35

¹³That very day two of {Jesus' followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has

appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

HYMN **LBW #154**
"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

SERMON Pastor Curt Hanson

HYMN **LBW #535**
"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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BENEDICTION

HYMN **WOV #801**
"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR Pastor Curt Hanson
PIANIST Theresa Petersen
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

Welcome to worship “in the courts of the house of the Lord. ... Praise the Lord” (Psalm 116:19).

Prayer Requests

Diane Inmon – Cousin to Sharon Nelson, 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, 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.

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

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“Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory.’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”

– Luke 24:26–27 –

I have always enjoyed Bible study. They are times of great learning, in the preparation of, the participation in, and the leading of those studies. Oh, what it must have been like to be in that Bible study Jesus led with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus is making known exactly how God fulfilled his promise to save the world he so loves. In so doing he shows the continuity of the Scripture. He shows us the extent that the Father went to in sending Jesus to reconcile us to Himself.

We do not sit with Jesus in the flesh. That said, when we spend time in the Word, we are spending time with Jesus. The Holy Spirit, given to us in Baptism, helps us to see the work of Jesus in the Scripture. In reading the Gospels, Jesus regularly refers to the Scriptures of his day, the Old Testament, and how he is fulfilling the Scripture. One place is recounted when Jesus stood up to read the text of the day in the synagogue. He read the passage from Isaiah 61:1–2. When he sat down, Jesus declared, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:21)

When we regularly spend time in the Word our hearts and minds are being opened, just as Jesus was doing with the disciples. We see the full investment Jesus makes in us by laying aside the glory of heaven, taking the form of a servant he “...humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:8)

In the study of Scripture, we see what faithfulness looks like in Christ. We hear the good news that Jesus took what was ours, the full weight of our sinful nature and the expressions of that sinful nature. In exchange, we are clothed with Christ and his righteousness. There are plentiful resources in helping us understand God’s Word. Yet, for all the study guides and commentaries at our disposal what matters the most is being in the Word, in relationship with Jesus. In the word we hear Jesus calling us to repentance and the forgiveness of our sins. “For the promise is for you and for your children and all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” (Acts 2:39)