

A close-up photograph of a bouquet of flowers, primarily pink roses and red hydrangeas, set against a dark background. A white, semi-transparent diamond-shaped card is placed diagonally across the flowers. The card features the words "HAPPY" and "DAY!" in black capital letters at the top, and "Mother's" in a large, elegant red script font in the center.

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Washburn, North Dakota

Sunday, May 10, 2020

9:30 AM Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Facebook Live because of Coronavirus Pandemic)

PRELUDE AND BELLS

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GATHERING HYMN.....LBW #377
“Lift High the Cross”

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read in Unison)

O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will.
Grant that your people would love what you command and
desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of
this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be
found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of

those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

^{2a} And Stephen said:

⁵¹“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

PSALM Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

 I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,

 in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

 on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

 whose hope is in the Lord his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,

 the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,

 who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

 the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the sojourners;

 he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

 but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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GOSPEL READING John 14:1-14

¹{Jesus said,} “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the

works themselves. ¹²Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

HYMN LBW #469
"Lord of All Hopefulness"

SERMON Pastor Curt Hanson

HYMN LBW #479
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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HYMN WOV #776
"Be Thou My Vision"

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR..... Pastor Curt Hanson
PIANIST..... Theresa Petersen
MUSIC..... Randy & Gwen Hall
ALTAR CARE Melanie Beckman & Janell Ziemann
VIDEOGRAPHER..... Matt 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

A warm welcome to all as we gather by Facebook Live for worship.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mother's worshiping with us today.

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Dick & Jackie Olson and family on the death of Jackie's brother, Don Bellerud. Don was from Gilbert, MN and passed away May 7th. Arrangements are pending. May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

Prayer Requests

Judy Kirsch – Friend of Duane & Marlys Knell, 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, 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

First Communion Class

There will be a virtual communion class this Wednesday, May 13th, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm for the fifth grade class. You should have received a letter in the mail. If you have not replied with an email address yet to receive your connection information for the link, please send your email address to Jeannette in the church office at flc@westriv.com no later than Tuesday. At least one parent should be on this class with their child. If you are unable to be on this class, please call the church office at 462-3775.

Church Council

The church council will meet this Thursday, May 14th, at 7:00 pm. Watch for a text or email as to how you will be meeting.

Graduation Tea

Due to the social distancing, it has been decided to cancel the graduation tea that was to be held next Sunday, May 17th.

Choir Music Folders

There are a number of choir music folders out. Would you please return them to the church.

Sunday School Materials

Sunday School materials have gone out to parents via Remind. If you didn't receive them, and would like to, please reach out to Stacy Boeshans.

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.

Camp of the Cross Updates

- 2020 Summer Camp registration is still open online! Through the generosity of groups and individuals from First Lutheran Church, the registration fees will be fully covered this year for our members. Please contact Peggy Moran @ 462-3919, cell 315-0568 to let her know by May 15th if you are sending in registrations to go to CCM this summer. CCM is making every effort to continue with the summer camp schedule as much as possible. If you are registered and then the schedule would be changed, you will be notified. At this time, we are cancelling all on-site and off-site programs during the month of June. We will be taking the last two weeks of specialty camps and moving them to the week of July 19th. We will be in direct contact with these campers and families. We will be evaluating and planning out the rest of the summer Sundays. They will be either in person or virtual summer Sundays. Please watch for announcements about them.
- PRAIRIE LAKE FESTIVAL is still in the planning stages for June 20, 2020. It will be virtual. Let Peggy Moran know if you have items you would like to donate and above all – put it on your calendars to ATTEND virtually! More details to follow as they become available.

First Lutheran Church Updates

- We will continue with virtual church service until further notice. Worship services will be done by Facebook Live. Watch the church website, Facebook and notices on the church doors for further updates.
- 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 titheing for the church. Either send your payment to the church or drop it off at Farmers Security Bank in Washburn noting it is a donation for First Lutheran Church.

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2020

*“Jesus said (to Thomas), ‘I am the way, and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.’”*

– John 14:6 –

Growing up in the suburb of a small city there were a lot of one-way streets. I lived on a one-way street. Over the years it was not uncommon for a car to travel the wrong direction on this one-way street. Whenever I mentioned that I saw a car driving the wrong way someone would sarcastically point out that the driver was only going one way.

The ramifications of going the wrong way can be disastrous. Going the wrong way can leave us lost, far from our destination. In the worst-case scenario, traveling the wrong direction may cause injury or death. Likewise, straying from the one who is “the way, the truth and the life” is eternally damning. This may seem like a hard line for some. We deal with perceptions from neighbors, family and friends that such an unyielding guideline is unloving. Such perceptions get real when we put faces on the people we know who do not believe in God or hold to an entirely different religious belief. The world says it is unloving to offer such a judgment.

And yet, quite the opposite is true. For there to be life, a life in the here and now that is filled with genuine love as well as the gift of eternal life, the path is clear. The way is Jesus. The first Christians (and their enemies) understood this as they were known as belonging to “the Way” (Acts 9:2). The only option for peace, the only option for entrance into the room that Jesus has prepared in the Father’s house, the only means by which we can come to the place where the multitude of saints of every nation sing praise to God, is through the Lamb of God, Jesus.

In following Jesus we follow together as the body of Christ, not independent of each other, but as a people whom God made us to be: “you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9-10)

We boldly follow Jesus. He is the way. He is the truth. He is the life. As disciples, we trust in him. Amen.