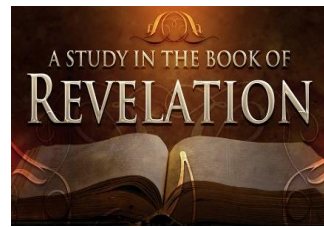


*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
May 15, 2022  
10:00 AM – Holy Communion  
First Lutheran Church  
Pastor Bryan Anderson



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Welcome

**\*Call to Worship**

P From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same.

C **The name of the Lord be praised. †**

**\*Opening Hymn #518 (LBW) - Beautiful Savior**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**\*Confession of Sin**

S203

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

*(Self-examination)*

C **Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice but you take no delight in burnt offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit, a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness, in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.**

**\*Promise of Grace**

**First Reading: Revelation 7:1-17**

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds so that no wind should blow on the earth or the sea or against any tree. **2** And I saw another angel coming up from the east with the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels to whom God had given the power to damage the earth and the sea. **3** The angel said, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees, until we mark the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads." **4** And I was told that the number of those who were marked with God's seal on their foreheads was 144,000. They were from the twelve tribes of Israel, **5-8** twelve thousand from each tribe: Judah, Reuben, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Simeon, Levi, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin. **9** After this I looked, and there was an enormous crowd - no one could count all the people! They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood in front of the throne and of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. **10** They called out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!" **11** All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. Then they threw themselves face


downward in front of the throne and worshiped God, **12** saying, "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!" **13** One of the elders asked me, "Who are these people dressed in white robes, and where do they come from?" **14** "I don't know, sir. You do," I answered. He said to me, "These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the blood of the Lamb. **15** That is why they stand before God's throne and serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will protect them with his presence. **16** Never again will they hunger or thirst; neither sun nor any scorching heat will burn them, **17** because the Lamb, who is in the center of the throne, will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### Second Reading: Revelation 11:1-10


I was then given a stick that looked like a measuring-rod, and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count those who are worshiping in the temple. **2** But do not measure the outer courts, because they have been given to the heathen, who will trample on the Holy City for forty-two months. **3** I will send my two witnesses dressed in sackcloth, and they will proclaim God's message during those 1,260 days." **4** The two witnesses are the two olive trees and the two lamps that stand before the Lord of the earth. **5** If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes out of their mouths and destroys their enemies; and in this way whoever tries to harm them will be killed. **6** They have authority to shut up the sky so that there will be no rain during the time they proclaim God's message. They have authority also over the springs of water, to turn them into blood; they have authority also to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they wish. **7** When they finish proclaiming their message, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will fight against them. He will defeat them and kill them, **8** and their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, where their Lord was crucified. The symbolic name of that city is Sodom, or Egypt. **9** People from all nations, tribes, languages, and races will look at their bodies for three and a half days and will not allow them to be buried. **10** The people of the earth will be happy because of the death of these two. They will celebrate and send presents to each other, because those two prophets brought much suffering upon the whole human race.

### Hymn of Praise


S204a




1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day #147 (LBW) – Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

## Recognition of Graduates

### \*Prayers of the Church

### \*Lord's Prayer

### \*Words of Institution

### Distribution (O Lamb of God)

S 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### Announcements

### Blessing

### Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**(Offering will be received in plates as you depart.)**

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### FINANCES

#### General Fund:

Offering last week (*\$3,589 needed weekly*) \$2,513.00

Running total for the month (*\$15,554 needed monthly*) \$5,429.00

#### Mortgage Fund:

Offering last week (*\$1,155 needed weekly*) \$655.00

Running total for the month (*\$4,621 needed monthly*) \$2,475.00

### MISSIONS FOR THE MONTH

- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers
- Christian Carpentry Ministries

Organist: Brian Wick  
Acolyte: Trevor Gilbertson  
Reader: Ashly Ninke  
Ushers: Dale & Chris Wood  
Communion Asst: Kevin Kamm  
Counters: Kevin Kamm & Kristin LaBeree  
Altar Guild: Mike & Rosemary Johnson  
Fellowship Servers: Bert & Sharon Petersen

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome** to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

**Today we will be recognizing** the following high school seniors on their upcoming graduation:

Wyatt Brihn	Emily Hadac	Carter Lillie
Amelia Buhr	Nick Haley	Austin Moll
Brayden Christensen	Kiyah Krueger	Lizzie Rosen
Brook Hadac	Bart Lund	

**You Are Invited!** TODAY at 2:00pm the Clear Lake High School Forensics team will be showcasing their speeches, readings and plays HERE at First Lutheran! Please plan to attend this exciting opportunity and support this group of talented youth. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

**Portals of Prayer** home devotionals and Connections magazines are available to pick up in the entry.

**Prayer List:** We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Vicki Greger (sister of Terri Moe & Cindy Nilssen), Joshua Kutzler (serving in Europe), Betty Juleff (mother of Rosemary Johnson, Barb Juleff, & Betty Jo Warner), Bud Moe (brother of Bob Moe), Richard Hannemann (father of Sheila Dipprey & grandfather of Katie Wagner), and Orvin Luehman (father of Dennis Luehman). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

**New Member Class:** There is sufficient interest to receive another group of new members into the congregation. An informational class will be held after the 10:00 AM worship service next Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those interested should notify the church office (715-263-2846) so adequate supplies can be on hand. New members will be officially received into the congregation on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Picture Directory Photos Wanted:** We invite you to submit a photo for the directory to the church office. This photo will be scanned into a member accessible online directory. Such photos will be returned if desired after they have been scanned into the database. Should you not have a recent photo we will be happy to take photo for you through the church office as well as on Sunday by request.

**Rummage Sale:** The Council has approved hosting a church rummage sale during Clear Lake Days this year. Currently we are seeking volunteers willing to help with this endeavor. Please notify the office (715-263-2846) of your interest.

**Attention Kids** Ages 4 through completed 5<sup>th</sup> Grade! Clear Lake Community Vacation Bible School is Sunday, June 12 – Wednesday, June 15 from 6pm-8pm and is hosted this year at the United Covenant Church. Register today at [www.unitedcovchurch.org](http://www.unitedcovchurch.org) and click REGISTER FOR VBS. Questions? Call 715-263-2665.

**VBS Volunteers Needed!** We are in need of lots of help from station leaders to crew leaders. No experience needed! Youth age 12 through grandparent age are encouraged to volunteer! Sign-up sheets are on the table at the back of the sanctuary or talk with Theresa Anderson.

**Shopping cards** for Nilssen's, True Value, Kivlin Eye Clinic, The Cabin, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

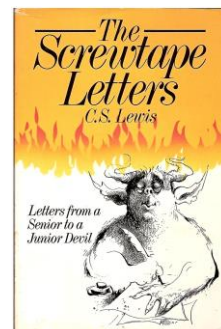


The Amery and Clear Lake area Evangelical Churches come together for a community outreach before the Summer. This is a family event held on Wednesday, June 1st at Michael Park in Amery from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. Join together for an evening of food, worship music on the main stage, games, face painting, balloon animals and more!

First Lutheran will be giving out free ice cream along with invitations to Vacation Bible School. We are looking for volunteers to take a shift. Please contact Dale Wirth at 651-336-4731.

## **The Screwtape Letters Ladies Book Study**

Ladies, please join us for a summer book study, *The Screwtape Letters*, written by C.S. Lewis. An entertaining, thought provoking, handbook for how the devil ever so slyly & subtly tries to distract us from our relationship with God. The study will surely provide some great discussion. What if I have to miss a study? No problem! Because this book is written as 31 separate "letters" (education topics), you can join in anytime.



### **We will meet:**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month, starting June 11<sup>th</sup> through September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

~ 7:00 AM yummys & fellowship

~ 7:30- 8:30 AM book study discussion

Cost: \$10 (for book) or bring a copy of your own. If interested, please sign up on registration sheet located on back table in the Sanctuary or email us at [firstluth@cltcomm.net](mailto:firstluth@cltcomm.net).

## **THIS WEEK**

- Today** 11:00 AM-Fellowship  
2:00 PM-Clear Lake High School Forensics Showcase
- Tuesday** 9:00 AM-Quilting
- Wednesday** 7:00 AM-First Brew & You  
5:30 PM-Youth Group  
6:15 PM-7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
7:30 PM-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
- Next Sunday** 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship  
9:30 AM-Fellowship  
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship  
11:00 AM-Fellowship  
11:00 AM-New Member Class