SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 13, 2018

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: May 13th thru May 20th			
Today:	May 13 th 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Schedule Worship at Lands Sunday School at Romsdal Sunday School at Lands Worship at Romsdal	
Wed:	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Trinity Women meet at Church Moe Parish Park Clean Up Ruth Circle meets at Lands	
Thurs:	2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Mary Circle meets at Lands Alcester Care Center Worship	
Sat:	10:00 a.m.	Bridal Shower at Trinity honoring Kaitlyn Winter	
Sun:	May 20 th 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Schedule Worship at Lands Parish Worship at Trinity	

Congratulations to our graduating High School Seniors: Elizabeth Stearns, Trystan Olbertson, Shelby Solem, Kiara Sogn, Connor Sogn, Luke Christensen, Perry Kolvek, Tanner Nelson, and Kristina Luciano. God bless you and guide you in your future plans.

Please note that Parish Park Clean Up is scheduled for Wednesday evening. Please come and help if you are able.

This Saturday there will be a Bridal Shower starting at 10 a.m. at Trinity honoring Kaitlyn Winter, bride-to-be of Cody Nagel. All are welcome!

The Lands Lutheran Church Scholarship documentation is available on the website. Any post-secondary student under the age of 26 can apply. Dates and requirements are available online.

Happy Mothers Day!

Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Dear Lord, Thank-You for always being close by. Please give us strength and power in our hearts to remember You are near, You love us deeply, and we can always call out to You.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

(Our Daily Bread)

First Reading: Acts 9:19b-31

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. 20 At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. 21 All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" 22 Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah. 23 After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, 24 but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. 25 But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. 26 When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. 28 So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. 30 When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. 31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-13

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 6 This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. 9 We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life: whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel Lesson: John 17:6-19

6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. 13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world. I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."



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