

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 6, 2018

Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!

Prelude
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Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal
The Ten Commandments
Holy Baptism at Lands

Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!

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The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"
The Sermon:Pastor Nate

Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

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Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Closing Hymn:....."All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".....#97
Benediction

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: May 6th thru May 13th

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| Today: | May 6 th | Holy Communion |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship at <u>Trinity</u> |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School at <u>Lands</u> |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Sunday School at <u>Trinity</u> |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship at <u>Lands</u> |
| | 3:30 p.m. | Bethesda Chapel Worship |
| Wed: | 6:00 p.m. | Sunday School at Lands |
| Thurs: | 1:30 p.m. | Quilting Workshop at Lands |
| Sun: | May 13 th | Senior Recognition Sunday |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship at Lands |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School at Romsdal |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Sunday School at Lands |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Parish Worship at Romsdal |

Baptismal blessings today to Ashlynn Lerae Kleinjan, infant daughter of Ryan & Kira Kleinjan. Ashlynn was born on February 3, 2018. Sponsors are Conrad Dahl & Carter Dahl.

The Teen Challenge free will offering last week was \$1,800. Thank-you, and God bless you for your generosity!

Thank you Lela Hall, Linda Tuntland, Emily Plucker, and Jean Christensen-Riley for your outstanding, faithful, and dedicated commitment to instructing our students in the Word of God at Lands Lutheran Church. We are very appreciative of your ministry of education and the vital role you have played in Sunday School.

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Be **joyful** in hope, **patient** in affliction, **faithful** in prayer.
Romans 12:12

Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Dear Lord, When our way in life seems dark, keep us from stumbling. And when the world's noise threatens to distract us, help us to listen for Your guiding voice.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.
(Daily Guidepost)

First Reading: Acts 9:1-19a

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest **2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. **3** As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. **4** He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" **5** "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. **6** "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." **7** The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. **8** Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. **9** For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. **10** In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. **11** The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. **12** In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

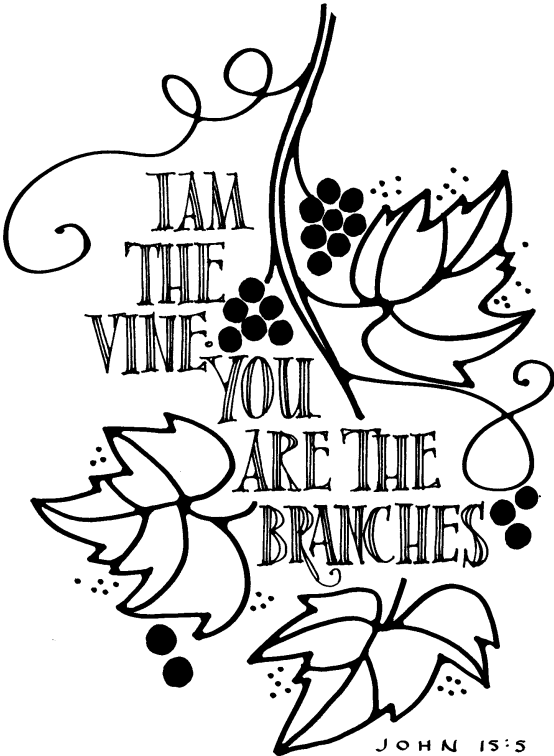
13 “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. **14** And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.” **15** But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. **16** I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” **17** Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” **18** Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, **19** and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? **18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. **19** This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: **20** If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God **22** and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. **23** And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. **24** The one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-17

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. **5** “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. **9** “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. **16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. **17** This is my command: Love each other.



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