

***You Are Witnesses of These Things***

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**April 19th, 2014**

**Service of the Word and Prayer**

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*Congregation reads* ***bold print*** *\*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

Witness. What images does that word conger up for you. If you work in the legal system, “witness” is someone who can testify to the facts of a case. If you become involved in an auto accident, you want to find a witness to corroborate your version of the events. For me, as a student of the Greek New Testament,, when I see or hear the word “witness,” I think of the word that is translated “witness”: martyr, do you see another English word, martyr – one who lays it all out on the line for a cause. Jesus refers to his disciples as witnesses both in a present and future tense. We are witnesses of God’s unconditional love toward us so that we might be witnesses to others. **Risen Savior, open my eyes to see you and my mouths to tell of you. Amen.**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *left column* ELW p. 211**

**\*GATHERING HYMN *Now the Green Blade Rises*  ELW #379**

**GREETING**

**KYRIE ELW p. 213**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

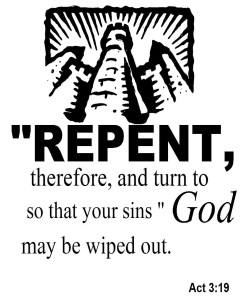
\***PRAYER OF THE DAY** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Holy and righteous God,

**C: you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19 (NRSV)**

12When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. 14But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, 15and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 17“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

19Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 4**  (*the psalms begin on ELW p. 338),* ***assembly reads the indented lines.***

**SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7 (NRSV)**

3 1See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 4Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous**.**

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* **ELW #512**

\***GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

36While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 37They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43and he took it and ate in their presence. 44Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S OBJECT LESSON-Jan Ringeisen

NOISY SUNDAY-*Congregation donates their loose change to the Sunday School Children*

SERMON

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY**  *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* **ELW #389**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** *(salmon sheet on the back cover of the hymnal or)* **ELW p. 217**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** L: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

\***SHARING THE PEACE** L: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart***ELW# 188**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD ELW p. 220**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**  *Sung Salmon sheet in back cover*

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING:** May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you reason to witness and the Holy Spirit to give you courage to do so. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen. C: *Three-Fold Amen.* \*SENDING HYMN** *Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing*  **ELW #385 BELL SENDING** L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God! POSTLUDE +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++**Reprinted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, copyright © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #SB107041

*Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus*

*without the tangible witness of one's life****.*  ~ Pope Francis**

**Readings for next Sunday:** Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Prayer requests*We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* ***Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Lisa******Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Danny Lang, and Darrell & Janice Buhmann’s daughter, Roxanne.*** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

**TODAY: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST**

The Fairmont Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast fundraiser for CREST today from 9am-Noon at the K-C Hall, located at 920 East 10th Street in Fairmont. The meal will include pancakes, sausages, milk, juice & coffee. Admission to this event will be by free-will offering and members of the CREST staff & board will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the CREST program. Takeout meals will be available. All proceeds will benefit the CREST program in Martin County.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY & TUESDAY, APRIL 20 & 21**-Vicar Kent will be @ Luther Seminary from Mondays PM until Tuesdays AM.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22-**Choir Practice at 6 pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

9 AM Worship

10 AM Sunday School

*Reader: Tom Dodge, Acolyte: Kylee Harder*

*Ushers: \*Art Stough, Jeff Maloney, Jackson Maloney and Mason Maloney*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ruby’s Pantry will be having a food distribution in East Chain, Minnesota on **Saturday, April 25th** from 10am-11:30am at the East Chain Evangelical Free Church, located at 507 280th Avenue. There are no income or residency guidelines for this program. Ruby’s Pantry is funded by the $20 cash donation per participant for operational costs. Please bring two large boxes or laundry baskets as participants will receive an abundance of food. If you have any questions about Ruby’s Pantry, you may call 507-236-4653.

**CREST Pillow Cleaning**

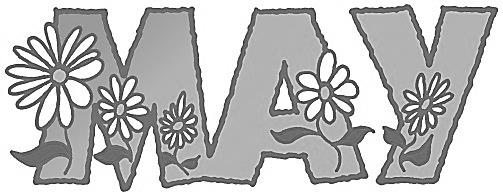
The volunteer caregivers organization “CREST” will be hosting the Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service on **Thursday, April 30th** from 7:30am-3:30pm at the Evangelical Covenant Church, located at 901 Woodland Avenue in Fairmont. Pillows will be cleaned, deodorized, sanitized, and fluffed while you wait. You can also drop your pillows off at the site and come back to pick them up later in the day. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to benefit the volunteer caregiving services of CREST in Martin County.

Interfaith Caregivers, Faith in Action conducts a variety of support groups for Caregivers in Martin County.  **[A Caregiver is a family member, close friend or neighbor who takes care of a frail or disabled older person]**. Group Services include: caregiver consultation, group education and support, and “Powerful Tools for Caregivers” an educational workshop. Current offerings include:

* Caregiver Connection meets at Fairmont United Methodist Church the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm
* Caregiver Connection meets at Grace Lutheran Church-Fairmont on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm
* Caregiver Connection meets at Trimont Covenant Church on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm.

To register, call Interfaith Caregivers office at 507-526-4684. *There is no cost to enroll.*

**EVENTS IN MAY AT TRINITY…**

May 3rd-Blessing of the Seeds Sunday

May 10th-Mother’s Day

May 17th-Last Day of Sunday School

May 24-Patriotic Sunday

May 31-High School Graduates Recognition Sunday