

KNIFE RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Knife River, Minnesota

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith,
You are welcome here.*

First Sunday after Easter

April 27, 2025

BLUEGRASS WORSHIP

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE/CALL TO WORSHIP

"Old Time Religion Medley"

*Give me that old time religion, give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion, it's good enough for me.*

It was good enough for my father; it was good enough for my mother;
It was good enough for my brother; it's good enough for me.

Some glad morning when my life is o'er, I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, oh glory. I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

*Give me that old time religion, give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion, it's good enough for me.*

Whisper a prayer in the morning. Whisper a prayer at noon.
Whisper a prayer in the evening, to keep your heart in tune.

*Give me that old time religion, give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion, it's good enough for me.*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. In the joyous, days of childhood,
oh, they told of wondrous love.
Pointed to the dying Savior,
now they dwell with Him above. **(Chorus)**

3. You can picture happy gath' rings,
round the fireside long ago.
And you think of never parting,
will they leave you here below? **(Chorus)**

4. One by one their seats were emptied,
one by one they went away.
Now the family circle's broken,
it will be complete one day. **(Chorus)**

DISMISSAL

L. Go in peace. Share the good news!
C. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"I'll Fly Away"

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

(Chorus) *I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*

2. When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away **(Chorus)**

3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. **(Chorus)**

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*"The holiest moment of the worship service is the moment when God's
people – strengthened by preaching and sacrament – go out of the
church door into the world to be the Church. We don't go to church.
We are the Church."*

***Give me that old time religion, give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion, it's good enough for me.***

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
Look away beyond the blue.

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me.
Way beyond the blue.

***Give me that old time religion, give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion, it's good enough for me.***

It was good enough for my father; it was good enough for my mother;
It was good enough for my brother; it's good enough for me.
Said it was good enough for my sister; it's good...e-nough...for me.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Are You Washed in the Blood"

1. Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?
Are you fully trusting in his grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?

(Chorus) *Are you washed (are you washed)
In the blood (in the blood)
In the soul cleansing blood of the lamb?
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?*

2. Are you walking daily by your Savior's side?
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb? **(Chorus)**

SONG DURING COMMUNION

"Down to the River to Pray"

Refrain *As I went down to the river to pray,
Studying about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way!*

1. O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray. **(Refrain)**
2. O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. **(Refrain)**
3. O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. **(Refrain)**
4. O mothers, let's go down, let's go down; come on down.
O mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. **(Refrain)**
5. O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
O sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray. **(Refrain)**

PRAYER & POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"

(Chorus) *Will the circle be unbroken,
by and by, Lord, by and by?
There's a better, home awaiting,
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.*

1. There are loved ones, in their glory,
whose dear forms you often miss.
When you close your earthly story,
You will join them in their bliss. **(Chorus)**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

“Where Could I Go but to the Lord”

1. Living below in this old sinful world,
Hardly a comfort can afford.
Striving alone to face temptations sore,
Where could I go but to the Lord?

***(Chorus) Where could I go, O, where could I go;
Seeking a refuge for my soul?
Needing a friend to help me in the end,
Where could I go but to the Lord?***

2. Neighbors are kind, I love them ev’ry one
We get along in sweet accord.
But when my soul needs manna from above,
Where could I go but to the Lord? ***(Chorus)***

3. Life here is grand with friends I love so dear,
Comfort I get from God’s own word.
Yet when I face the chilling hand of death,
Where could I go but to the Lord? ***(Chorus)***

OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and
ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

3. Lay aside your garments that are stained with sin
And be washed in the blood of the lamb.
There’s a fountain flowing for the soul unclean
Oh, be washed in the blood of the lamb. ***(Chorus)***

RESPONSIVE DIALOG

- L. O Lord, open our lips,
- C. and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**
- L. It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
- C. to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night.**
- L. Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- C. Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

PSALM (SUNG)

“Do Lord (Psalm 27)”

***Chorus: Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Look away beyond the blue!***

- 1) You’re my light and my salvation, I won’t be afraid!
You’re the stronghold of my life, by You all things were made.
Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade,
For I move in the strength of the Lord.
- 2) Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear!
Even though a war surrounds me, You are always near.
One thing I have asked of you that I will seek for sure,
Is to live in the house of the Lord.

3) You will hide me in Your shelter in the day of strife;
You'll conceal me in Your tent or set me on the height.
Now my head is lifted up above the storms of night,
So, I'll sing to the name of the Lord.

4) Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, till our race is won
We can live in the light of the Lord.

Chorus: Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do remember me!
Look away beyond the blue!

FIRST READING Psalm 150

L. The word of the Lord.
C. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL L. The Gospel according to St. John
C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

L. This is the gospel of the Lord.
C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL SONG *"I Saw the Light"*

1. I wandered so aimless my life filled with sin;
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night;
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

(Chorus) *I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.*

2. Just like a blind man I wandered alone;
Worries and fears I claimed for my own;
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight;
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. **(Chorus)**

3. I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. **(Chorus)**

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

"Spring Up, O Well/River of Life"

1. I've got a river of life flowing out of me.
Makes the lame to walk and the blind to see,
Opens prison doors, sets the captives free.
I've got a river of life flowing out of me.

(refrain) Spring up, O well, *(opt. echo)* within my soul...
Spring up, O well, *(opt. echo)* and make me whole.
Spring up, O well, *(opt. echo)* and give to me...
That life abundantly!

2. There's a fountain flowing from my Savior's side.
All my sins forgiven in that precious tide.
Jesus paid the price when for me he died.
There's a fountain flowing from my Savior's side. **(refrain)**

3. There's a risen Savior at my Father's throne.
Ever interceding for his very own.
Pouring down the blessings that are his alone.
There's a risen Savior at my Father's throne. **(refrain)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spoken petitions end with: Lord, in your mercy.
Congregational response: **Hear our prayer.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Susan Berge

Clarinet: Lawrence Burkhard

Musicians: Sticks and Strings; Phil Berge, director

Lector: Trish Northey

Greeters/Ushers: Melanie McMillion & Delores Jackson

Counters: Melanie McMillion & Michael Dent

Communion assistant: Anthony Hubbartt

Children's Church/Kid's Connect: Anne Jaspersen, Gretta Ojard

Next Week: Jillian McCorison, Gunny Skadberg

Coffee:

Altar Guild: Mary von Goertz

Live streaming: Tech team

The flowers this morning are given by Pat & Bill Meyer in memory of Margrette Gould Ingle for her April 24th birthday. May her memory be blest!

KNIFE RIVER PRAYER LIST:

In need of healing: Seth Goodnature, David Hubbartt, Mike Wiseman, Brent & Heather Mitchell, David Keller, Dean Basson, Len Weiss, Ella Jackson, Mimi Bergstedt, Sandra Bjorum, Penelope Cuypers, Jackson Rolles, Amanda Zimmer, Ashley Kostuch, Brian Scribner, Bill DeRoche, Joanne Alreck, Georgeanne Hunter, David Grong, Del Hubbartt, Andi White, Daniel Hubbartt, Amy Musel, Chris Shelerud, Wyatt Cuypers, Jeremy Sellin, Laurie Jackson.

Grieving: the family and friends of Paul Ostman.

Long Term Concerns: Sue Sigel, David Pierce, Jan Moon, Pat Hanson, Dani Mattson, Leif Zmolek, Dennis Swanson, Les Bolen, Veronica Persons, Peggy Behan, Sue Hubbartt, Paul von Goertz, Lil Hanson, Arianna Yang, Anneka Allert

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY: 9:00 AM-Worship

10:00 AM- Coffee Fellowship ???

MONDAY: 9:00 AM-Bone Strengthening Class

2:00 PM-Bells

TUESDAY: 9:00 AM- Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper

10:00AM- Worship Committee & Endowment Committee

6:30 PM-JOYFUL

WEDNESDAY: 12:00 PM-Quilting

THURSDAY: 8:30 AM-Men's Group, (no dulcimers)

5:00 PM-Pop-up Dinner at Earthwood Inn

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 AM-Worship

UPCOMING: Our W/ELCA meeting for May (Tuesday, May 13) will be a potluck at 6 pm at Gail Safstrom's house. Since this will be Pastor Susan's last gathering with the group, in place of the usual study, let's do a reminiscing time of the past 20 years together! Bring a favorite story or picture to share! All women are welcome!

MISSING: Quilters are missing a Janome sewing machine that normally resides in the lower-level quilter's storage closet. It is needed, and if you have any idea where it may be . . . time for it to come back home! Thanks!

NEED A GOOD READ? Check out the church library, which has been the recent recipient of several additions donated by Pastor Susan from her personal office library!