

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*



**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**9:00 am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Organist/Pianist:** Leila Gangstad

**Special Music:** Senior Choir

**Acolyte:** Amaya Rugland

**Usher:** Petznick family, Anderson family

**Lay Reader:** Gary Nerlien

**Counters:** Russ & Delores Knudson, Steph Perkins

**Sound/Video:** Camden Trenhaile, Mark Willand

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**Prelude**

-Leila Gangstad

**Welcome – Announcements**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** ..... *Thine Is the Glory* ELW 376

1. Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*
3. No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

**Greeting**

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Special Music**

Senior Choir

**First Reading: Acts 5:27-32**

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

**Psalms 118:14-29**

The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

**The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation... Alleluia**

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**Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you

may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Becky Sogge

**Hymn of the Day** ..... *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* ELW 382

1. Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him  
as his light once more appears;  
bowing down in joy before him,  
rising up from griefs and tears.

## Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!

2. Christ is risen! All the sadness  
of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
through the open gates of gladness  
he returns to life once more;  
death and hell before him bending  
see him rise, the victor now,  
angels on his steps attending,  
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*
3. Christ is risen! All the sorrow  
that last evening round him lay  
now has found a glorious morrow  
in the rising of today.

See the grave its first fruits giving,  
springing up from holy ground;  
Christ was dead, but now is living;  
he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*

4. Christ is risen! Henceforth never  
death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever  
we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection  
of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
hail the day of resurrection!  
Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

**Baptism:** Cooper Blane Maher

## Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## Offering - Noisy Offering

Offering is received in the pews, or electronically through Vanco.

## Offering Prayer

## Benediction

**Closing Hymn** ..... *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* ELW 534

1. Savior, again to your dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
once more we bless you ere our worship cease,  
then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.
2. Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;  
with you began, with you shall end the day;  
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon your name.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Welcome, we are glad you are here!*

**Congratulations to** Blane & Hayley Maher on the baptism of their son, Cooper Blane. His sponsors are Mackenzie & RJ Kakach, Jonah & Rena Pirsig, Emilie Pirsig, and Whitney Pirsig.

**Our Condolences to** the family and Friends of Lee Nelson who passed away on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. His funeral will be held here at FLC on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

**The Sunday School children** will be walking to LRH to sing to the residents on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**First Lutheran** is looking for people who are willing to help with counting the offering after church on Sundays. We currently have four teams that rotate weekly, with two people per team. Please let the office know if you are interested or speak with Steph Perkins who is the lead counter.

3. Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
for us transform its darkness into light.  
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;  
your evening presence promise to your own.
4. Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;  
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Postlude**

-Leila Gangstad

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### **Sunday Attendance and Giving**

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Attendance</b></u>	<u><b>Giving</b></u>
April 20	286	\$6,540
April 13	102	\$3,923
April 6	93	\$3,248
March 30	76	\$1,360

### **Mission Project for April**

**Meals on Wheels, Manna  
and Share Shoppe**

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 27	9:00 am	Service
	10:10 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	DCV
	3:00 pm	LRH
	4:00 pm	J.H. Youth
Tuesday April 29	11:00am	Staff Mtng.
	7:00 pm	AA-Al-Anon Mtng.
Wednesday, April 30	4:00 pm	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	SH Youth
Thursday, May 1	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
Sunday, May 4	9:00 am	Service
	10:10 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	DCV
	4:00 pm	J.H. Youth

### Please join the Confirmation Class Competition until April 30<sup>th</sup>

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade: PERSONAL CARE KIT** ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\* ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging \* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: SCHOOL KIT** FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other ONE pencil sharpener ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well) FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons ONE 2 ½" eraser ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps  
(no standard backpacks)