

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11th, 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: Heather Rheingans

Counters: Stu & Kim Anderson, Steph Perkins

Sound/Video: Camden Trenhaile, Mark Willand

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 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* ELW 414

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Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Gospel: John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Becky Sogge

Hymn of the Day*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW 789

Baptism: Payton Blaire Hertel

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

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn*So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* ELW 860

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

Congratulations to Jackson & Erika Hertel on the baptism of their daughter, Payton Blaire. Her sponsors are Landon & Jess Perkins, and Trevor & Sam Hunt.

Today is the last day of Sunday School. The children will be in the Fellowship Hall for their end-of-year party.

Welcome and thank you to Bishop Kevin Jones who will be joining us at worship on May 18th.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Inspire service this year!!!! We couldn’t do it without you! We look forward to joining you again in September.

The Annual Board Meeting for LRH and Auxiliary will be on Thursday, May 22nd from 6-7 PM in the chapel.

Quilt Thank you to the FLC quilters! A small thank you does not seem adequate compared to the joy you have brought to our young burn survivors. Please know your quilts have touched many lives in the burn camp community. -Director of Oklahoma Firefighters Burn Camp

Celebrate with Lois Hogen as she turns 90 years old! There will be an open house on Sunday, May 25th from 2-4pm at the Olson building. Please may bring a card if you would like, but gifts are not necessary. If you can’t attend the open house you can mail her a card to her home at Lois Hogen- 704 11TH ST N, Northwood.

Mission Project for May

LRH Auxiliary



Please join us on Sunday, May 25th for a special worship service honoring the graduating Seniors of First Lutheran.

Seniors- Please come wearing your cap and gown, you will receive a gift and blessing from the congregation.



June 9th-13th

9:00 AM - Noon

The morning will include lots of activities and finish up at the elementary school for the kids to take part in the feeding program available this summer

Sunday Attendance and Giving

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
May 4	104	\$1,462
April 27	78	\$1,275
April 20	286	\$6,540
April 13	102	\$3,923

Electronic Income

<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
\$2,993.81	\$8,914.85

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 11	9:00 am	Service with N.O.
	10:10 am	Last Sunday School
	10:30 am	DCV
	4:00 pm	J.H. Youth
Tuesday May 13	7:00 pm	AA-Al-Anon Mtng.
Wednesday, May 14	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	SH Youth
Thursday, May 15	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
Sunday, May 18	9:00 am	Service with H.C.
	10:30 am	DCV
	3:00 pm	LRH
	4:00 pm	J.H. Youth