FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



2nd Sunday of Easter April 11th, 2021 9:00am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Acolytes: Emy Wahl and Weston Willand

Lay reader: Myra Harris

Organist/Pianist: Loraine Mix

Prelude

- Loraine Mix

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

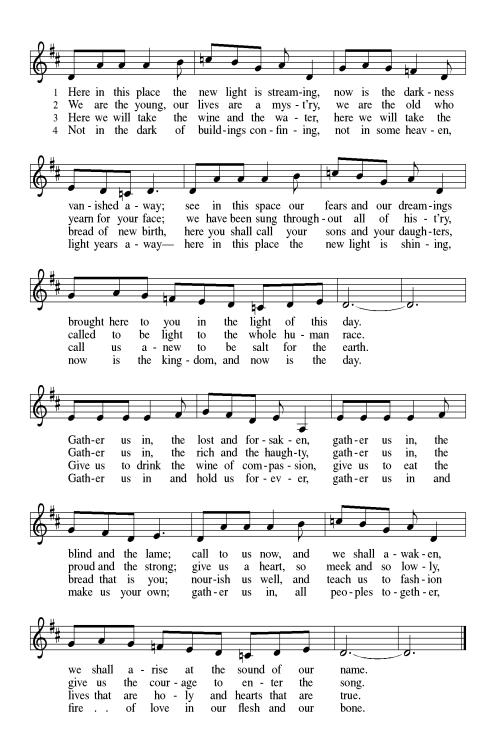
Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Gather Us In"

ELW 532



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.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God...,

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music "Come Follow Me" -Senior Choir

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Psalm: Psalm 133

How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin,

we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord

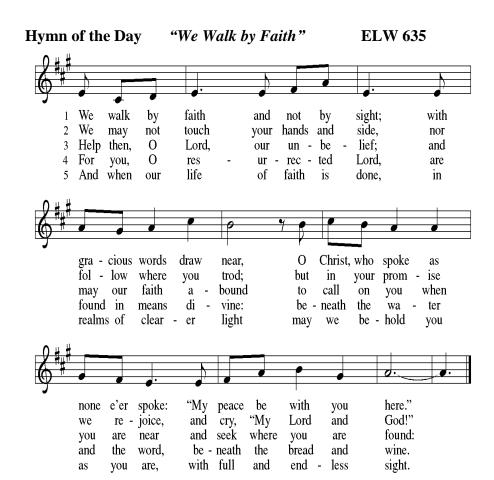
and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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 gospel of our Lord, Praise to you O Christ.

Message

-Linda Griffith



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Offering is received in the plates at the entrance of the sanctuary or electronically through Give Plus+

Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Thine is the Glory" ELW 376 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he

3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life;



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom; out thee; aid us in our strife; An - gels in bright rai - ment let his church with glad - ness make us more than con - qu'rors,

life is naught with-





where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

That all may know the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude - Loraine Mix

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Announcements

The altar flowers for the month of April are given by Mary Reyerson, in loving memory of her parents, Norance Sr. and Nancy Reyerson.

The additional flower arrangements are given in loving memory of Arlene Van Sabben whose funeral was on Friday, April 2nd. May God comfort all who mourn her loss.

Volunteers Needed- Put your knitting and crocheting skills to use by helping make Baptism Blankets. Contact the office for more information 324-2984

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized and would like to be put on our prayer list, please notify the office at 641-324 2984 or email at flc@flcnorthwood.org.

<u>Mission Project for April</u> Dayspring Children's Village

Special Music: Senior Choir

Counters: David & Sharron Petznick, Steph Perkins

Altar Guild: JULIA Circle

Sound/Video: Mark Willand and Hayden Moore

Weekly Sunday Attendance and Giving			
<u>Date</u>	Attendance	<u>Giving</u>	
Easter	215/53	\$7,555.00	
Good Friday	50	-	
Maundy Thursday	30	-	
March 28	137	\$1,120.00	
March 21	49	\$669.24	

Weekly Calendar			
Sunday, April 11	9:00 am	Worship Service with N.O.*	
	10:00 am	Council Meeting	
	6:30 pm	JH. Youth	
Monday, April 12	11:00 am	Staff Meeting	
Tuesday, April 13	7:30 pm	AA –Al-Anon	
Wednesday, April 14	6:00 pm	Bell Choir	
	7:00 pm	Senior Choir	
	7:00 pm	SH. Youth	
Thursday, April 15	8:30 am	Quilting	
	9:00 am	Prayer Group	
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo	
Sunday, April 18	9:00 am	Worship Service with H.C.*	
	10:00 am	Sunday School	
	6:30 pm	JH. Youth	

*H.C. is Holy Communion and N.O. is Noisy Offering





