

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**9:00am**

Pastor Becky Sogge

Organist/Pianist: Delores Knudson

Acolytes:

Lay reader:

Special Music: Senior Choir

Sound/Video: Mark Willand and Logan Mayberry

Counters: Russ & Delores Knudson, Steph Perkins

Altar Guild: JULIA Circle

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Prelude

- Delores Knudson

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 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" ELW 377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting

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.**

Hymn of Praise: *This is the feast...*

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

**Holy and righteous God, 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.**

Special Music

*"Seek Ye First"*

-Senior Choir

**First Reading: Acts 3:12-19**

Peter 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? The 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. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And 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.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

**Psalm: Psalm 4**

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**“You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

See 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. Beloved, 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little 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. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

***Alleluia.* Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. *Alleluia.***

**Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look 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.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then 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.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to

be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.  
You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children’s Sermon

### Sermon

-Pastor Becky Sogge

### Hymn of the Day “*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*” ELW 579



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,  
do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
world a - round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty:  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir - it’s gifts em - pow’r us for the work of min - is - try.

## 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.**

## Peace

*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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface (Holy, Holy, Holy)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

## Lord's Prayer

## Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

## Communion Blessing

## Prayer after Communion

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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

## "Christ is Alive"

ELW 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

## 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

- Delores Knudson

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## Announcements

**\*Are you a good listener?** Do you ever find yourself wondering how someone who you know well, can really think something so different from how you think? This is not about raising your blood pressure but learning how to navigate difficult conversations.

**Join us on Thursday, April 22 at 7:00PM** for the first meeting of **“Listening to God and Listening to One Another”**. If you are a classic interrupter bring along some \$5.00 bills because you will pay a fine for interrupting and/or not actually listening.

**\*Next Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> is Confirmation Day!** We look forward to celebrating with our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students affirming their baptism.

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

**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](mailto:flc@flcnorthwood.org).

**Mission Project for April**  
**Dayspring Children’s Village**

### Weekly Sunday Attendance and Giving

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
April 11	72	\$2,573.00
Easter, April 4	215/53	\$7,555.00
Good Friday	50	-
Maundy Thursday	30	-
March 28	137	\$1,120.00

### Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 18	9:00 am	Worship Service with H.C.*
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	6:30 pm	JH. Youth
Monday, April 19	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, April 20	7:00 pm	Mutual Ministry
	7:30 pm	AA –Al-Anon
Wednesday, April 21	1:00 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Rehearsal
	2:00 pm	H.C. at Maple Court
	5:45 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Senior Choir
	7:00 pm	SH. Youth
Thursday, April 22	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
	7:00 pm	<i>Listening to God &amp; One Another</i>
Sunday, April 25	9:00 am	Confirmation Day with N.O.*
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	6:30 pm	JH. Youth

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

