

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21st, 2024

9:00 am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Organist/Pianist: Brenda Blanshan

Special Music: Senior Choir

Usher: Solberg family, Petznick family, Stu Anderson

Greeter: Solberg family

Lay Reader: 6th grade class

Counters: Lee & Becky Okerlund, Steph Perkins

Sound/Video: Camden Trenhaile, Mark Willand

Communion Set up: Gina Solberg

Prelude

-Brenda Blanshan

Welcome – Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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Opening Hymn*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW 502

Greeting p. 138

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Hymn of Praise...This is the feast p. 139

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Special Music

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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Gospel Acclamation... Alleluia

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

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said, ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

Sermon Pastor Becky

Hymn of the Day *Have No Fear, Little Flock* ELW 764

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving p.144

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer p. 145

Invitation to communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God’s table.

Lamb of God p. 146

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* ELW 536

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude -Brenda Blanshan

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Mission Project for April
Meals on Wheels, Manna Food Bank,
and Share Shoppe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

Join us for coffee in the Fireside room after worship.

We will be having an Easter Brunch today following worship. We will not have Sunday School today to allow families to stay for the meal.

Plan ahead! Day Camp will be from 9:00am until noon June 3rd -7th. 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>
April 14	56	\$880
April 7	44	\$5,430
March 31	228	\$5,019
March 24	117	\$1,306

Electronic Income	
<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
\$3,449.30	\$6,908.35

Weekly Calendar		
Sunday, April 21	9:00 am 10:10 am 10:30 am 3:00 pm 6:30 pm	Service with H.C. Easter Brunch DCV with H.C. LRH J.H. Youth
Tuesday, April 23	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Staff Mtng AA-AI-Anon Mtng.
Wednesday, April 24	4:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation Inspire S.H. Youth
Thursday, April 25	8:30 am 9:00 pm 6:30 pm	Quilting Prayer Group Taekwondo
Sunday, April 28	9:00 am 10:10 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	Service with N.O. Sunday School DCV J.H. Youth

Lenten Attendance	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
April 17	
April 10	22
March 28	118
March 20	33