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

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**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**April 24th, 2022  
9:00 am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Organist/Pianist:** Delores Knudson

**Acolyte:**

**Lay Reader:**

**Special Music:** Senior Choir

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

**Counters:** Randy & Laure Buehrer, Steph Perkins

**Greeter:** Becky Logemann

**Ushers:** The Johnson Family

### Prelude - Delores Knudson

### Welcome – Announcements

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness

and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* ELW 363

**Greeting p. 138**

### 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.**

**Special Music** *What a friend -*Senior Choir

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

27When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28saying, “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.” 29But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32And 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.**

### Psalm 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

4John 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, 5and 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, 6and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.  
 7Look! 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. 8“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.**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: John 20:19-31

19When 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.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”  
 24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So 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.”  
 26A 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.” 27Then 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.” 28Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”  
 30Now 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 the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon**

### Sermon *Pastor Becky Sogge*

### Hymn of the Day *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* ELW 392

### Apostles’ Creed

### Prayers of Intercession

### God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

### Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

### *Received in the pews or electronically through Vanco*

### Offering Prayer

### Lord’s Prayer p. 145

### Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** *Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing!*ELW 385

**Dismissal**

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

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude - Delores Knudson

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**Mission Project for April**

**Dayspring Children’s School**

Announcements

**Congratulations to** Nicholas and Emily Nelson on the baptism of their son, Waylon John. His sponsors are Chris and Danielle Nelson. Waylon is the great grandson of Leila Gangstad.

**Thank you** to those in Care group 2 for your help with all the duties that it takes for Sunday worship to happen.

**There were 2 Easter donations** not listed in the bulletin last week;   
$50 to Youth Fund and $50 to Social Ministry, Given by Rebecca & Lee Okerlund.

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| **Sunday Attendance and Giving** | | | |
| **Date** | **Attendance** | | **Giving** |
| April 17 | 260 | |  |
| April 15 | 39 | |  |
| April 14 | 48 | |  |
| April 10 | 181 | | $2,598.26 |
| April 3 | 95 | $2,842.00 | |
| March 27 | 55 | $1,168.00 | |
| March 20 | 41 | $1,472.01 | |

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| **Weekly Calendar** | | |
| Sunday, April 24 | 9:00 am | Worship Service with N.O. |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  | 6:30 pm | J.H. Youth |
| Tuesday, April 26 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA-Al-Anon |
| Wednesday, April 27 | 11:30-5:00pm | Confirmation Retreat |
|  | 7:00 pm | Choir |
|  | 7:00 pm | SH. Youth |
| Thursday, April 28 | 8:30 am | Quilting |
|  | 9:00 am | Prayer Group |
|  | 6:30 pm | Taekwondo |
| Sunday, May 1 | 9:00 am | Worship Service- H.C. |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  | 6:30 pm | J.H. Youth |

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| **INSPIRE Attendance** | |
| **Date** | **Attendance** |
| April 20 | 76 |
| April 6 | 86 |
| March 30 | 101 |
| March 9 | 73 |