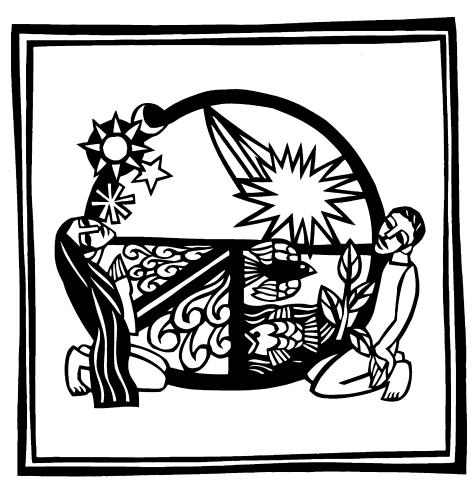
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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



Easter Sunday
April 4th, 2021
9:00am and 10:30am

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Prelude

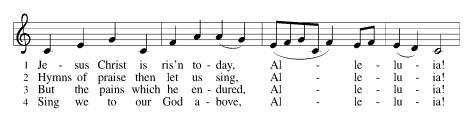
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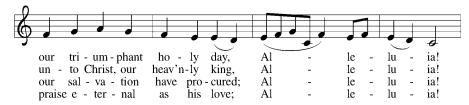
Welcome & Announcements

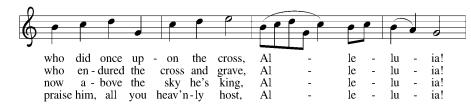
Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.**









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 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

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

"Easter Carol/Easter"

-Senior Choir

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. *Alleluia*.

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Children's Sermon

Sermon



- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

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 Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Blessing

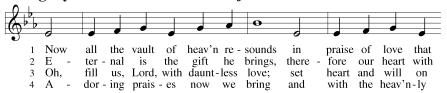
Prayer after Communion

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 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW 367











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 in memory of Norance Sr. and Nancy Reyerson, given by Mary 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.

Organist/Pianist/Vocalist: Loraine Mix and Lauren Severson

Special Music: Senior Choir **Lay Reader:** Heather Rheingans

Counters: Gloria Fallgatter & Nancy Amundson, Steph Perkins

Altar Guild: JULIA Circle

Sound/Video: Mark Willand and Eli Mix

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

Weekly Sunday Attendance and Giving			
<u>Date</u>	Attendance	<u>Giving</u>	
Good Friday	50		
Maundy Thursday	30		
March 28	137	\$1,120.00	
March 21	49	\$669.24	
March 14	68	-	

Weekly Calendar			
Sunday, April 4	9:00 am	Easter Worship Service with HC	
	10:30 am	Easter Worship Service with HC	
	6:30 pm	JH. Youth	
Tuesday, April 6	7:30 pm	AA –Al-Anon	
Wednesday, April 7	6:00 pm	Bell Choir	
	7:00 pm	Senior Choir	
	7:00 pm	SH. Youth	
Thursday, April 8	8:30 am	Quilting	
	9:00 am	Prayer Group	
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo	
Sunday, April 11	9:00 am	Worship Service with Noisy Offering	
	10:00 am	Council Meeting	
	6:30 pm	JH. Youth	



In memory of family and friends - Given by David and Sharron Petznick

In memory of Merle and Steve Aase - Given by Aase families

In memory of Hellen Holstad - First Lutheran Altar Guild

In memory of Grandpa and Grandma Toft - Given by Toft family

In memory of Ronald Severson - Given by Troy & Dawn Bachtle

In memory of parents, Robert and Louise & brother Bob - Given by Pastor Becky and family

In memory of Gerry Thein - Given Duane and Jan Thompson

In memory of Gary Bachtle - Given by Molly Bachtle and family

In memory of my aunt, Idella Hinds and other loved ones - Given by Larry Klitzke

In memory of Chuck Lehman- Given by Avis Lehman

In memory of Lyle Bestul and Donna Bestul - Given by Brian, Suzie, Becky and Bryn

In memory of my mother, Elaine Hill - my brother, Kevin Klitzke - my sister, Kathleen Klitzke - my father, Kenneth Klitzke - Given by Larry Klitzke

In memory of Margret and Howard Rupert & Omer and Delores Johnson - Given by Janelle and Dennis Johnson

In memory of Thelma Krull, Ian Husske, Arthur Kalvig and Bob Reeder - Given by Conner Colonial Chapel