

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12th, 2024

9:00 am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Organist/Pianist: Delores Knudson

Special Music: Senior Choir

Usher: Petznick family, Stu Anderson

Lay Reader: Patty Irons

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Prelude

-Delores Knudson

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.**

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

Opening Hymn *God Is Here!* ELW 526

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Special Music

Senior Choir

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”

²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Gospel Acclamation... Alleluia

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

Gospel: John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed, ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am

no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Becky

Hymn of the Day *Son of God, Eternal Savior* ELW 655

Recognition and Blessing of Graduates

Presentation of Quilts

Presentation of Lindflott Scholarship

Service of blessing

We are delighted to honor you as you graduate from *high school*. We are proud of you! It is our privilege to affirm you as members of this congregation. You have completed an important phase of your lives and you are entering another.

I ask you to affirm your commitment to a life of faith in the body of Christ.

Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare for your new endeavors, do you thank God for the many ways your faith has been your strength and guide?

Response: **With God’s help, I do.**

As you consider the next steps of your journey of life, do you acknowledge God going with you, before you, behind you, below you, above you, and within you?

Response: **With God’s help, I do.**

As you make choices about your new endeavors, will you offer your gifts to the world as part of the body of Christ and welcome the support of a family of faith?

Response: **With God’s help, I will.**

People of First Lutheran, listen: Do you claim these graduates as brothers and sisters in Christ, called to ministry according to their talents?

In God’s love, we claim them.

As their home congregation, do you promise to support them, take an interest in their future, be with them in their celebration and sadness, and welcome them whenever they return to First Lutheran?

In God’s love, we support them.

Do you promise to faithfully pray for these brothers and sisters, placing their futures into God’s loving hands as they make their choices?

In God’s love, we pray for them.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially today for the milestones that these graduates have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love in all the experiences they have. Bless the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in Christian faith. Give them strength in your holy presence, and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters, those who are leaving home to go far away, and those staying close by. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

Offering – Noisy Offering

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

Offering Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

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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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ELW 855

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

-Delores Knudson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

Join us for coffee in the Fireside room after worship.

Today, we will be recognizing our Senior graduates.

First Lutheran Church offers a scholarship to those seniors who are going to a Lutheran College. Applications are in the office.

Mission Project for May

LRH Auxiliary

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 12	9:00 am	Service with N.O.
	10:10 am	Sunday School with
	10:30 am	DCV
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth
Tuesday, May 14	11:00 am	Staff Mtng.
	7:00 pm	AA-Al-Anon Mtng.
Wednesday, May 15	2:00 pm	Maple Court Chapel
	4:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Choir practice
	7:00 pm	S.H. Youth
Thursday, May 16	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 pm	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
Sunday, May 19	9:00 am	Service with H.C.
	10:30 am	DCV
	3:00 pm	LRH
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth

Sunday Attendance and Giving

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
May 5	99	\$3,701
April 28	62	\$872
April 21	83	\$1,446
April 14	56	\$880

Electronic Income

<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
\$3,381.78	\$10,290.33