

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5th, 2024

9:00 am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Organist/Pianist: Brenda Blanshan

Special Music: Sunday School

Acolyte: Maci Smith, Ivy Toresdahl

Usher: Petznick family, Stu Anderson

Counters: David & Sharron Petznick, Steph Perkins

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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 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* ELW 367

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Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Special Music: Sunday School

The upper grades: Books of the New Testament and Do Lord

The preschool: Deep & Wide and Father Abraham

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 15:9-17

Jesus said: ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have

loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

Sermon Pastor Becky

Hymn of the Day*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* ELW 708

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

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Invitation to communion

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

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*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ELW 836

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

-Brenda Blanshan

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome, we are glad you are here!
Join us for coffee in the Fireside room after worship.*

Today, the Sunday school kids will be singing and having a party to celebrate the last day of Sunday school.

Join us in worship on Sunday, May 12th, as 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

Sunday Attendance and Giving		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
April 28	62	\$872
April 21	83	\$1,446
April 14	56	\$880
April 7	44	\$5,430

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

Lenten Attendance	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
April 17	36
April 10	22
March 28	118
March 20	33

Weekly Calendar		
Sunday, May 5	9:00 am	Service with H.C.
	10:10 am	Sunday School with year end celebration
	10:30 am	DCV
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth
Tuesday, May 7		Manna Truck
	7:00 pm	AA-Al-Anon Mtng.
Wednesday, May 8	4:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Choir practice
	7:00 pm	S.H. Youth
Thursday, May 9	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 pm	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
	7:00 pm	Pub Theology
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