

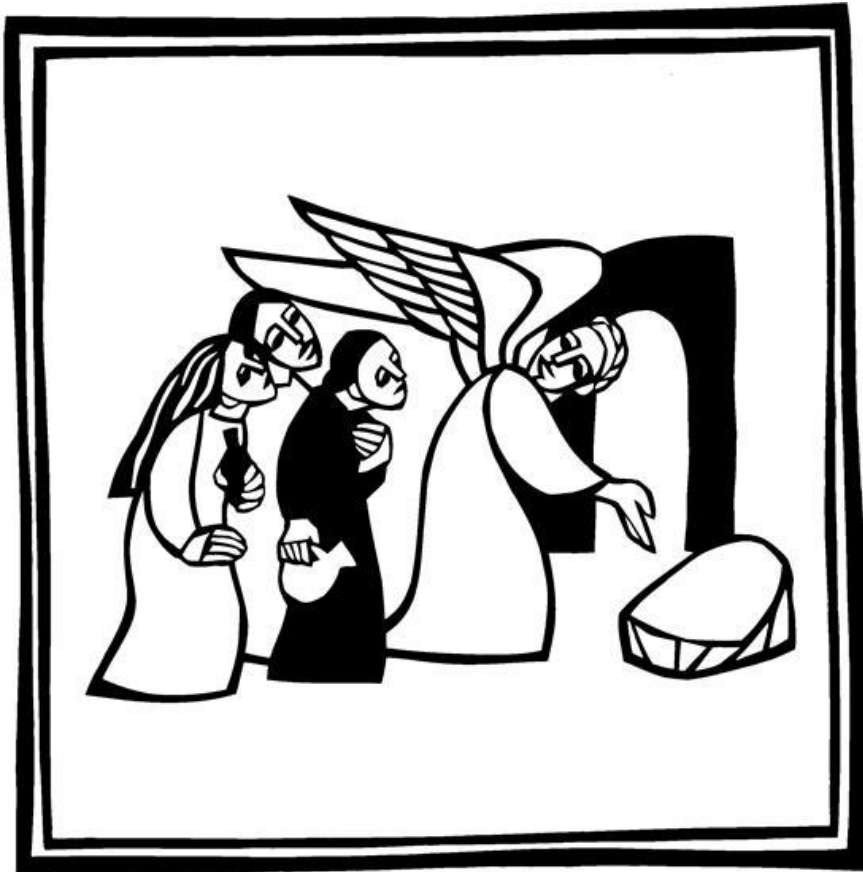
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



Easter Sunday

April 20th, 2025

9:00 am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Organist/Pianist: Brenda Blanshan

Musicians: Laure Buehrer, Loraine Mix, Weston Willand

Special Music: Sunday School & Senior Choir

Acolyte: Kenly Solberg, Ivy Urbatsch

Usher: Petznick family, Anderson family

Lay Reader: Patty Irons

Greeters: Perkins family

Counters: David & Sharron Petznick, Steph Perkins

Sound/Video: Camden Trenhaile, Mark Willand

Communion Set-Up: Pat Nelson and Mary Bloomingdale

Prelude

-Brenda Blanshan

Welcome – Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the

Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is
shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this
in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* ELW 365
Accompanied by: Weston Willand - Trumpet

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles
Wesley, 1707-1788, st.

Greeting **p. 138**

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 **p. 138**

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 **p. 139**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free
to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory
are his. This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all
creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the
Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, 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

Sunday School

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Psalms 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.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

Gospel Acclamation... Alleluia

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Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Sermon

Pastor Becky Sogge

Hymn of the Day ... *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* ELW 367

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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

Special Music: "Easter Carol" Senior Choir

Accompanied by: Loraine Mix-Piano, Laure Buehrer-Flute

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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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)

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

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

During Distribution... Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Special Music: "Meditation" Senior Choir

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* ELW 382

1. Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

- Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
2. Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,

angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*

3. Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its first fruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*
4. Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

-Brenda Blanshan

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Sunday Attendance and Giving

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
April 6	93	\$3,248
March 30	76	\$1,360
March 23	58	\$605
March 16	68	\$1,145

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

Congratulations to our 5th graders on their First Communion!

Baylor Abrams, Ethan Binnebose, Callan Brunsvold, Ryder Duvall, Kash
Hickle, Henry Houg, Kaelix Iverson, Parker Iverson, Aubrey Johnson,
Lawson Perkins, Keegan Severson, Kyan Skellenger, Blake Stevens, Kinley
Thompson, Hudson Ziebell.

There is no Sunday School today. Class will resume on Sunday, April 27th.

The Sunday School children will be walking to LRH to sing to the
residents on Sunday, May 4th.

Easter Brunch has been postponed until April 27th at 7:30am.

Easter Lilies will be available for pick up after the worship service.

First Lutheran is looking for people who are willing to help with
counting the offering after church on Sundays. We currently have
four teams that rotate weekly, with two people per team. Please let
the office know if you are interested or speak with Steph Perkins who
is the lead counter.

Little Caesars Fundraiser

The proceeds from this fundraiser are used to send our youth to
Riverside Bible Camp. You may place your order with any youth, from
FLC or DCV, that will be attending Riverside this year. You may also
place your order online by going to PizzaKit.com, click on Products,
and then Shop. Select "Support a seller I know" and enter Fundraiser
ID# 459080. Delivery will be the week of May 12-16.

Electronic Income

<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
\$2,753.65	\$5,921.04

Please join the Confirmation Class Competition until April 30th

7th Grade: PERSONAL CARE KIT ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging* ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging * Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

8th Grade: SCHOOL KIT FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other ONE pencil sharpener ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well) FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons ONE 2 ½" eraser ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 20	7:00 am	Easter Service - DCV
	9:00 am	Easter Service
	10:30 am	DCV
	4:00 pm	J.H. Youth
Tuesday April 22	11:00am	Staff Mtng.
	7:00 pm	AA-Al-Anon Mtng.
Wednesday, April 23	2:00 pm	Maple Court
	4:00 pm	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	SH Youth
Thursday, April 24	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
Sunday, April 27	9:00 am	Service
	10:10 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Service - DCV
	10:30 am	DCV
	3:00 pm	LRH
	4:00 pm	J.H. Youth

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

