

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2022

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We gather together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:14-29)

P: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

C: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

P: the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

C: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

P: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

C: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

GATHERING HYMN: "This is the Day" #234(OSB)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray...

C: 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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

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."

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.

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.

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Jensen

HYMN:: "O Savior, Precious Savior" #514(LBW)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: Taven Allen Borchert and Aubrie Renā Hill have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

P: Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response by each person:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

Pastor lays both hands on the head of each person.

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Taven Allen/Aubrie Renā the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Borning Cry" #770(WOV)

(Offering & "noisy offering" is received and dedicated.)

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit; in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS: "Lamb of God" p.72, #674(WOV), #145(LBW)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May He look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "On Eagle's Wings" #779 vv 1,3 (WOV)

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! It's wonderful to gather as the body of Christ to worship and give thanks to God! Thanks be to God for all of you here! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book and feel welcome to come again. You are invited to come downstairs for refreshments and fellowship following worship.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ann Lenners, Karen Mortensen and our shut-ins.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Delores Huls (Apr 24), Mike Snyder (Apr 26), Tanner Hippen, Kate Fritzen (Apr 29).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Steve & Glenda Knoche (Apr 25, 1980), Kevin & Janice Uecker (Apr 25, 1986).

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Taven Borchert and Aubrie Hill on your Confirmation Day! May the Holy Spirit be your guide and inspiration!

- Taven's confirmation verse: Galatians 2:20 "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith." Sponsors: Tiffany Robertson, Jeremy Hill, Steph & Tyler Ellis. Parents: Lacey Hill, Craig Borchert. Grandparents: Linda Searcey, Bryan & Jackie Hill, Don & Marcia Borchert.
- Aubrie's confirmation verse: Matthew 17:20 "Truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." Sponsors: Doug & Jennifer Klaus. Parents: Lindsey & Nick Meints, Jeremy & Stephanie Hill. Grandparents: Craig & Julie Fisher, Linda Searcey, Bryan & Jackie Hill.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES: Congratulations to these 2022 graduates. Our prayers and best wishes are with you!

- Madison Baker
- Ethan Bohling
- Taven Mahler
- Kai Mayfield

HELP WANTED: We are looking for a family or two to volunteer to pick up the roadside from Filley to the 2nd curve south of Filley. Jim & Carol have completed the roadsides from there to Highway 4. If you are interested, please contact Carol Frerichs. American Lutheran Church will receive funds for this litter pickup as soon as finished.

THANK YOU to our hometown Girl Scout, Kierstin Rehms and the Girl Scout Spirit of Nebraska Council. They donated 29 cases of cookies to the church for the use at BeLOVED and also for Thrivent Action Team projects. Many people will get to enjoy these cookies!! This is a blessing for many!!

WARREN'S TABLE is Tuesday, April 26. If you signed up to bring a cake please have it to the Filley Church by noon Tuesday. If you signed up to work, be at Warren's Table by 4:00 p.m. The Women of the Church will be serving. Contact Sandy Flesner if you have any questions.

THRIVENT ACTION CARD PROJECT – SAVE CAN TABS: We continue to collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald house in Omaha. This project will help families with costs to stay when their child is in a hospital in Omaha. We will be collecting until the end of May. Container for tabs is downstairs in the fellowship hall.

WELCA will meet May 4, at 9:30 a.m. Hostess is Pat Jobman, and Bible study leader is Carol Frerichs on Leah.

FLOWERS today are given by the Delores Huls family for her 85th birthday, which is today. SPECIAL birthday greetings to you. God's richest blessings be with you.

THANK YOU for all the prayers, cards, flowers, food and memorials. We deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy of the passing of my mother. Brenda & Dennis Hippen and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet only on non-communion Sundays.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM PROJECT FOR APRIL IS CASA: Ideas for items for children are: activity kits, books, puzzles, art supplies, book bags, socks, underwear, gift cards for the movies, skating or mini golf. Items for adults are: soap, shampoo, deodorant or any personal items. They are grateful for any items received. The Thrivent card for this project is sponsored by Glenda VanEperen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: You are invited to enjoy an informational evening **Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Zion Lutheran Pickrell** with guest speaker, Amber Lovitt, Executive Director CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Gage County for abused and neglected children hosted by Zion's WELCA. Amber recruits, trains and mentors' volunteers who are appointed by the County Judge to gather information. These children are in the court system of no fault of their own but due to abuse and neglect. They offer training services and supplies to the community to help children and families thrive together. Area churches have been invited as well, so please bring a friend. Refreshments will also be served.

COMING UP:

Every Wednesday – BeLOVED/Confirmation, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

May 1 – BeLOVED sings at 9:30 a.m. worship

May 4 – Last day of BeLOVED until we start again in the fall.

SUNMART RECEIPTS: Thanks to everyone who has been saving their SunMart receipts! SunMart/Spartan Nash Co. supports a fundraising program called "Support Our Schools and Churches." All you have to do is save your SunMart cash register receipt tapes and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall (or give to a council person). When we have collected \$150,000 in receipt tapes Spartan Nash Company awards us a check for \$1000. We have reached our goal of \$150,000 three times so far and are starting over again with a balance of about \$32,000.00. You can also ask your check-out person if they have any extra receipts. They save the ones that people don't want and give them out – first come, first serve. Thank you to everyone who is helping with this ministry!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER If anyone would like something published in the monthly newsletter email Dave Norton at norton_dan@yahoo.com by the third Sunday of the month.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH WEBSITE: You can find our church website at www.filleylutheranchurch.com or by scanning this QR code:



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BULLETINS EACH WEEK CAN BE FOUND on our website, filleylutheranchurch.com. Bulletins are also being sent out by email to everyone that we have an email address for. If you are not receiving the bulletin by email and would like it, please email Brenda at filleylutheranchurch@gmail.com with your email address.

WORSHIP HELPERS

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Reader: Linda Searcey Next Week: Carol Frerichs

PowerPoint Preparer/Presenter – Brenda Hippen, Next Week: Brenda Hippen/DeeAnn Schmidt

Audio/Video: Next Week: Randy Schmidt

Accompanist: Sandy Mahler Next Week: Sandy Mahler

Fellowship: Denise Blaker & DeeAnn Schmidt Next Week: Bob & Arlys Jurgens