
Pastor Hans Peterson and the Youth Synod Band led service @ 10 AM on April 14, 2024

An asterisk () indicates when the congregation stands. Hymns and page numbers are from the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship service book that is located in the pew rack.*

The Gathering

“Build Up”

Refrain

**Build up, prepare the way.
Remove the obstructions
from my people’s way.
Build up, prepare the way.
God is near,
God is here today.**

**Break the chains of injustice.
Let the oppressed go free.
Share our homes with the homeless
and our bread with the hungry.**

Refrain

**Build up, prepare the way.
Remove the obstructions
from my people’s way.
Build up, prepare the way.
God is near,
God is here today.**

**God sees all our destruction;
how we get in love’s way.
Still God comes and meets
us with a steady, healing embrace.**

Refrain

**Build up, prepare the way.
Remove the obstructions
from my people’s way.
Build up, prepare the way.
God is near,
God is here today.**

**Then your light will break forth
like the dawn and your healing
will break into song.**

Refrain

Build up, prepare the way.

**Remove the obstructions
from my people's way.**

Build up, prepare the way.

God is near,

God is here today.

Special Music, Cherub Choir

Welcome * Welcome Pads * Post it Notes *

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

The Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, your love shines on, illuminating the places where you are present. As the baffled disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated their fear and doubt with a word of peace. You showed them the appalling marks of evil pierced your hands and feet. You opened their minds to understand how God defeated the powers of evil and death.

People: Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord.

Pastor: Speak your word of peace to us and let your love shine in our lives.

People: May this worship which we offer in your name be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: Chorus of "Build Up

Build up, prepare the way.

Remove the obstructions from my people's way.

Build up, prepare the way.

God is near, God is here today.

The Introduction and First Reading Daniel Nelson

Reader: *After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

Reader: A reading from Acts 3:12-19 pg. 883 in the Bible in the pew rack.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader.....Word of God, Word of Life.

People.....Thanks be to God.

The Story

Daniel Nelson: You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of Luke chapter 24 verses 36(b) – 48.

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

Daniel Nelson: Look up these verses in your Bible and read it. Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon in Song – SW MN Youth Band (*follow along*) "Forever Emmanuel", "Healer", "My Lighthouse"

"Forever Emmanuel"

**We are not alone,
we are not alone,
with ev'ry breath,
through ev'ry storm,
we are not alone.**

Refrain

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
forever Emmanuel. Sing Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, forever Emmanuel.**

**Fill us with your love,
fill us with your love,
with hearts of grace for ev'ry one,
fill us with your love.**

Refrain

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
forever Emmanuel. Sing Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, forever Emmanuel.**

**Lead us to your peace,
lead us to your peace,
where hunger and oppression cease,
lead us to your peace.**

Refrain

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
forever Emmanuel. Sing Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, forever Emmanuel.**

"Healer"

Refrain

**Healer, healer, come and heal this world.
Healer, healer, come and heal this world.**

**May we all offer up your hands.
May we all, all together stand.**

Refrain

**Healer, healer, come and heal this world.
Healer, healer, come and heal this world.**

**May we all lay our weapons down.
May we all find our common ground.**

Refrain

**Healer, healer, come and heal this world.
Healer, healer, come and heal this world.**

"My Lighthouse" vs. 1-3

**1. In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh-oh
you are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**2. In the silence You won't let go
In the questions your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
you are the peace in my troubled sea oh-oh
you are the peace in my troubled sea.**

Chorus

**My lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You!
Oh, My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise; You will carry me
safe to shore safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore.**

**3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh-oh
you are the peace in my troubled sea.**

Chorus

**My lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You!
Oh, My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise; You will carry me
safe to shore safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore.**

**4. Fire before us,
You're the brightest
you will lead us
through the storms,
through the storms,
through the storms,
through the storms.**

Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition will close with the words: God, who is mercy:

Congregational response: "Hope of all Creation" (sung)

Pastor: God, who is mercy:

People: Hope of all creation, healer of relations, we lift our prayer to you. We lift our prayer to you.

The Offering of Gifts

Pastor: Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at Evangelical Lutheran Church Cokato. Thank you for supporting our youth so we can have a Synod Band.

*** Offering Song, "Welcome Table"**

Chorus

**Gather 'round the welcome table.
There is room, there's enough.
Bring your broken, life unstable.**

**Come and feast in God's love.
Come you wounded, here is healing.
Come you outcast, find your rightful place.
Come you guilty, here's a promise:
for the broken living there's amazing grace.**

Chorus

**Gather 'round the welcome table.
There is room, there's enough.
Bring your broken, life unstable.**

**Come and feast in God's love.
Come you empty, here is plenty.
Come you anxious, you were meant to thrive.
Come you weary, find your rest.
The tomb is empty, God is loose! Alive!**

Chorus

**Gather 'round the welcome table.
There is room, there's enough.
Bring your broken, life unstable.**

**Come and feast in God's love.
Here's a banquet, here is your weapons.
Christ is rising in your neighbor's face.
Here's your family, all are hungry.
God set the table, time to take your place.**

Chorus

**Gather 'round the welcome table.
There is room, there's enough.
Bring your broken, life unstable.
Come and feast in God's love.**

The Feast: Setting the Table

The children lead us as we sing together:

**O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blest.
All praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor: We gather as a community,
around this table of plenty, trusting in the Spirit to nourish us as we share God's love
with our neighbors. The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them to you Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends 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. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

*** The Lord's Prayer, ELW pg. 145**

**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 congregation may be seated.

Pastor: This is Christ's table... The gifts of God are:

People: Free

Pastor: Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

**You call me out upon the waters,
the great unknown where my feet may fail.
And there I find you in the mystery, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.**

Refrain

**And I will call upon Your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest
in Your embrace for I am Yours and You are mine.**

**Your grace abound in deepest waters,
your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and you won't start now.**

Refrain

**And I will call upon Your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest
in Your embrace for I am Yours and You are mine.**

**Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
and my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior.**

(sung twice)

Refrain

**And I will call upon Your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest
in Your embrace for I am Yours and You are mine.**

"Everyone is a Child of God"

**We are waiting, we are watching,
we are hoping to see in the distance,
in the darkness a light that sets us free.**

Refrain

**To see ev'ryone,
ev'ryone is a child of God.**

See ev'ryone, ev'ryone, is a child,
a beautiful child of God.

You are goodness, you are mercy,
you are deep mystery.
In the silence you spoken
a love that sets us free.

Refrain

To see ev'ryone,
ev'ryone is a child of God.
See ev'ryone, ev'ryone, is a child,
a beautiful child of God.

Set us free. Set us free.

Refrain

To see ev'ryone,
ev'ryone is a child of God.
See ev'ryone, ev'ryone, is a child,
a beautiful child of God.

Blessing after Communion

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

People: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

People: Amen.

The Sending

*** The Blessing**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

* Sending Song: "Go Now With God"

*Lleno del Espiritu
Santo Vamos Con Dios,
Vamos con Dios.
Entrando al mundo para servir*

Go now with God,
go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
*Vamos con Dios, vamos con Dios.
Vamos, vamos, vamos con Dios.
Vamos, vamos, vamos con Dios.*

Offering a hand to a stranger
Go now with God, go now with God.
Trusting in the risen savior

Go now with God, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
*Vamos con Dios, vamos con Dios.
Vamos, vamos, vamos con Dios.
Vamos, vamos, vamos con Dios.*

Waters of mercy have found us
Go now with God, go now with God.
Grace on the journey surrounds us

Go now with God, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
*Vamos con Dios, vamos con Dios.
Vamos, vamos, vamos con Dios.
Vamos, vamos, vamos con Dios.*

* Dismissal

Tracy... We celebrate
People... grace,
Tracy... appreciate
People... all God's people
Tracy.....through sharing
People....Christ's story!

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WORSHIP HELPERS: TODAY & UPCOMING, THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

APRIL 14, 2024 AT 10 AM—PASTOR HANS & YOUTH SYNOD BAND LED SERVICE

Acolyte: Sophia Holmquist

A-V/Streaming: Ryan Anderson, Donnie Dennis

Greeters: Steve & Diane Hanson

Coffee Host: Tom & Gail Berggren

Communion: Karen Neisen, Tom Berggren, Susan Bohnsack, Griffin Kelly, Abe Abrahamson

Counters: Abe/Jean Abrahamson, Riley Beckman

Lector: Daniel Nelson

Music: Synod Youth Band. Tracy Hagstrom Durant, cantor.

Nursery: Sarah Beckman, Jorjah Verhey

Ushers: Tom Berggren, Mike Holmquist, Gary Lundeen, Mark Raymond

APRIL 21, 2024 AT 10 AM—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acolyte: Hannah Hruby

A-V/Streaming: Max Clemen, Abe/Jean Abrahamson

Greeters: Dean & Tonya Jenkins

Coffee Host: Jean & Abe Abrahamson

Communion: Kip Lynk, Andy Bohnsack, Sue Thomson, Luke Harmala

Counters: Abe/Jean Abrahamson, Riley Beckman

Lector: Andy Bohnsack

Children's Sermon: Pastor Tim

Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Tom Durant, cantors.

Nursery: Katy Berggren, Brynn Weinandt

Ushers: Tom Berggren, Mike Holmquist, Gary Lundeen, Mark Raymond

APRIL 28, 2024 AT 10 AM—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acolyte: Dara Lind

A-V/Streaming: Amber & Greg Peterson

Greeters: Volunteer Needed

Coffee Host: Kathy Lundeen

Communion: Daniel Nelson, Abe Abrahamson, Tonya Jenkins, Sophia Holmquist

Counters: Ryan Albrecht, Tonya Jenkins, Katie Davis

Lector: Ryan Weinandt

Children's Sermon: Mandy Weinandt

Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Tom Durant, cantors.

Nursery: Annette Bohnsack, Annalise Wheatley

Ushers: Tom Berggren, Mike Holmquist, Gary Lundeen, Mark Raymond

MAY 5, 2024 AT 10 AM—CHOIR CONCERT/SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acolyte: Jorjah Verhey

A-V/Streaming: Ryan Albrecht, Kip Lynk

Greeters: Gary & Deb Wilking

Coffee Host: Jean and Abe Abrahamson

Communion: Annette Bohnsack, Brice Berggren, Katie Davis, Hannah Hruby

Counters: Ryan Albrecht, Tonya Jenkins, Katie Davis

Lector: Ryan Weinandt

Children's Sermon:

Music: Eric Raisler, organist. Tracy Hagstrom Durant and Tom Durant, cantors.

Nursery: Carissa Chap, Molly Anderson

Ushers: Ryan Anderson, Kip Lynk, Todd Goudy



PRAYER CONCERNS

Cara Williams-Seifert

Ginny Grosser

Marilyn Dahlquist

Brad Loge

Briana Torvick

Toby Kotila

Brady Wanous

Eddie Wolff

Gary Peterson

We are praying for Phil Lee's cousin, Jon Gunderson who is at Region's Hospital w/bacterial meningitis.

SUPPORT FOR BRIANA "BRI" TORVICK

Briana "Bri" Torvick was severely burned in a house fire in February. She is the daughter of Bryan and Sandy Isaacson and sister to Jenna Davis. To help show support for Bri and help with some of the cost of medical bills and loss of the Torvick's home, Jenna is selling "Bri Strong" bracelets for \$5 a piece. All of proceeds will go to the Torvick family. The family continues to ask for prayers during this difficult journey. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jenna at 320-282-0337 or email: jennadavis5610@gmail.com.

asked to answer the following questions: What did you make the Cross out of what you did? What did you learn from making your Cross? What does the Cross mean in your life? What does the Cross symbolize for a Christian? Confirmation students were given the Lent season to work on their cross and have it in the Narthex before Palm Sunday. They will remain up during the Easter Season. Make sure to read their reflections and let them know how great they all did!

CORN CARNIVAL PLANNING MEETING

We will be holding a Corn Carnival Planning meeting on Monday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. in the church library. Please feel free to join if you would like to help with planning for the 2024 Corn Carnival, August 12-14.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER SIGN UP

We have a sign up for special music during the summer, if you are interested please sign up here, <https://forms.gle/PHDcQ4fZ6JppqPZBE6>.

LWR KIT THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has been donating to the personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. They will be taken to the WELCA Spring Gathering in Cosmos.

ELC OFFERING, ONLINE VIEWERS, & PEOPLE

General/Easter Offering for 3/31 to 4/6 was \$10,769.70.

4/7 Easter 2: We had 132 people and 51 viewers.

YOUTH & FAMILY

Take Up Your Cross 2024 Lent Project: This year our confirmation students (grades 7-9) were assigned the Take Up Your Cross Lent project. This project instructed kids to build a cross out of materials themselves that can stand alone with being at least a foot in height. While they worked on their cross they were asked to reflect on their faith and remind them of how Jesus was crucified on the cross for us. They were

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PLAN A VISIT

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BUILDING HOURS

Mon.-Friday.: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES

At Church: 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

On YouTube: 10 a.m.

Sunday School: 9 a.m.

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WAYS TO GIVE

Scan QR code, give thru our church app or send check thru the mail or offering during service.

Schedule of Events for 4/11-4/21/2024

THURS., 4/11

9 AM Quilter group meet

SAT., 4/13

7 AM Men's Bible Study

9 AM Lee Bridal Shower

SUN., 4/14 YOUTH SYNOD BAND LED SERVICE

Before & after service, coffee fellowship

9 AM Sunday School

10 AM Worship Service in person & livestreamed, cherub choir

11 AM New Orleans Bonding Day

11 AM Soren Bortnem's music lessons

MON., 4/15

10 AM Staff meeting

7 PM Council meets

TUES., 4/16

2 PM Book Club meets in church kitchen, the selection is "The I-94 Murders" by Frank Weber

WED., 4/17

3:30 PM Sheep Shack Bunch (Gr. 4th-6th)

5:30 PM Soren Bortnem's music lessons

6:30 PM Confirmation Class (Gr. 7th-9th)

THURS., 4/18

9 AM Quilters group meet

SAT., 4/20

7 AM Men's Bible Study

9 AM Girls of Grace

SUN., 4/21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Before & after service, coffee fellowship

9 AM Sunday School, Adult Forum

10 AM Worship Service in person & livestreamed, Chancel Choir

11 AM Soren Bortnem's music lessons