

# First English Lutheran Church

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Spencer, Iowa 51301

8:00 & 10:45 am Non-Communion Services

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Easter II

April 12, 2026

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## Prelude, Ringing of the Bell

**Opening Hymn** – AGPS # 91 “Easter Song”

## Welcome

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## Psalm 148

P: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

P: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**C: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever— he issued a decree that will never pass away.

**C: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,**

P: you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

**C: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children.**

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**C: And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.**

**Hymn** - LSB # 461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

**First Lesson** – Act 5:29-42 <sup>ESV</sup>

*(Peter points to the risen Jesus as fulfillment of the Scriptures.)*

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.

<sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Second Lesson – 1 Peter 1:3-9** ESV

*(We love the risen Christ, even though we do not see Him.)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God**

*(please rise)*

## **Holy Gospel – John 20:19-31**

*(Jesus appears to His disciples and engages Thomas' faith.)*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my

God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God**

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**Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn** - LSB # 475 "Good Christian Friends"

**Sermon**

**Canticle Te Deum** – pg. 223

**Offering**

**Kyrie** – pg. 227

**Lord's Prayer** – pg. 227 (Or inside back cover)

**Prayers**

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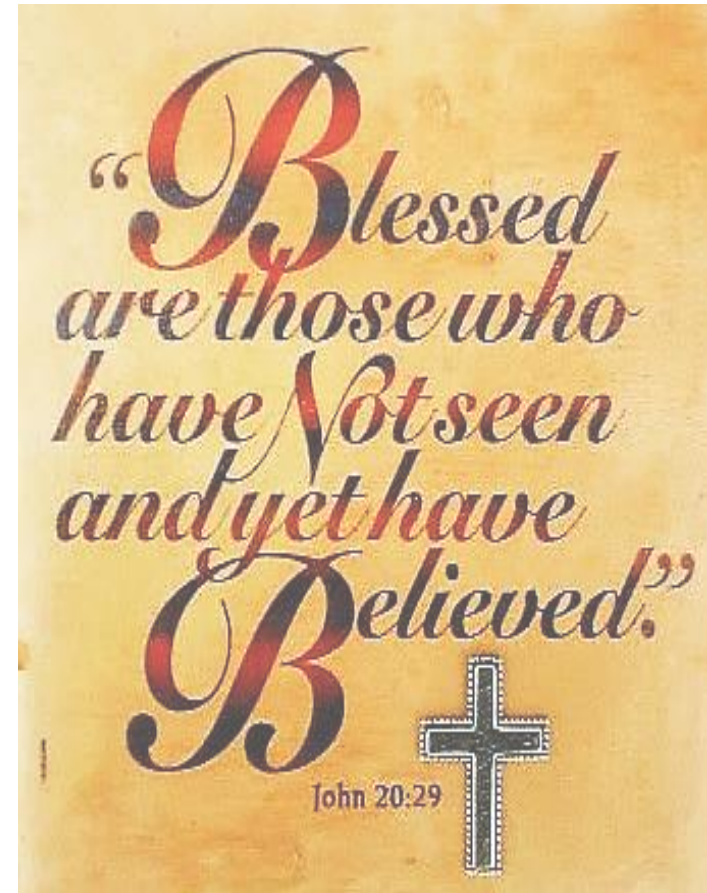
**Closing Hymn** – AGPS # 59 "Alleluia"

**Announcements and Postlude**

† † **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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