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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 16, 2023**

**CONTEMPORARY**

**9:00 am**

**GATHERING**

GATHERING MUSIC      *'Your River, O God'*      DRM pg. 4

**Chorus: Your river, O God, is full of water, water alive with justice and grace. Your river, O God, it flows with mercy for ev'ery child through ev'ery time and place**

**1 Ev'ery birth on this earth speaks the mystery. Ev'ery heart, from the start, light for all to see. (Chorus)**

**2 Come and hear all who fear, you are not alone. Come and see, be set free, rest here in your home. (Chorus)**

**3 As we grow, may we know, waves of hope surround. As we live may we give love that has no bounds. (Chorus)**

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*'Touch That Soothes and Heals'*      ACS #939

**1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread; steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead: (Refrain): "See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."**

**2 Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care, give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there. (Refrain)**

**3 Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least. Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased. (Refrain)**

**4 Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal, feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal. (Refrain)**

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*'Rejoice and Celebrate'*      DRM pg. 116

**Chorus: Rejoice in the Lord always! Celebrate what God has done! Rejoice and celebrate, we are one!**

**1 Some days we're gonna feel lonely; some days we're gonna feel blue; some days we're gonna feel helpless; we've gotta let God's saving grace shine through! (Chorus)**

**2 We were baptized into the promise; God's fam'ly we'll always be. We're born each day through the Savior, who humbly gave his life for you and me!**  
**(Chorus)**

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

LITANY:

P: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God. **C: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.** P: Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God, **C: who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.** **ALL: Alleluia. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

*'Come to the Water of Life'*

ACS # 955

**1 All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love; all who are thirsty for love, for mercy, come: come to the Water of life.**

**2 All who are thirsty for healing, all who are thirsty for touch; all who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come: come to the Water of life.**

**3 All who are thirsty for beauty, all who are thirsty for truth; all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come: come to the Water of life.**

**4 All who are thirsty for justice, all who are thirsty for peace; all who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come: come to the Water of life.**

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## WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

NT pg. 91

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

NT pg. 182

Children's Message

Special Music

*'He Is The Risen Lord'*

Sr Choir

By Joseph M. Martin

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

NT p. 88

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord... **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Renee Tecklenburg

CREED

**We believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves, but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way. We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit, to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,**

to love and serve others,  
to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG 'There is a Longing in Our Hearts' (refrain only) ACS #1078

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Hear us, O God, C: **Your mercy is great.**

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### **MEAL**

#### **Offering Collection and Presentation**

OFFERTORY HYMN 'People of Hope' DRM pg. 176

**Chorus: We are people of hope alive in the myste'ry, growing in faith, learning to love. We are people of hope throughout all of hist'ry, held by the one who will never let go.**

- 1. We are dead in our striving for wealth and for might, but God rich in mercy has loved us to life. (Chorus)**
- 2. We are what God has made us, created in Christ for justice and mercy to be our way of life. (Chorus)**
- 3. In the journey everyday we're led by the Word, saved by grace. (Chorus)**

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Offertory Prayer **C: Amen.**

SONG 'Wade in the Water' ELW # 459

**Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

- 1 See that host all dressed in white, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. The leader looks like the Israelite. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Looks like the band that Moses led. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**
- 3 Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. The Holy Ghost a-coming on me. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**
- 4 If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. Refrain**

Text & Music: African American spiritual

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

READING: Revelation 22:1-4

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Water of life, Water of birth, Water of healing – **C: Thanks be to God!**

P: We praise you, O God, for waters that gather and name us.

**C: We thank you, O God, for waters that wash and claim us.**

P: We honor your baptism.....water of death and destruction. **C: Renew us!**

P: Water of hope reborn: **C: Stir us to act!**

P: Blessing, honor, and glory be to the Lamb, Alive and reigning with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SONG

*'Remembering the Promise'*

DRM pg. 118

**Chorus: We are remembering the promise of God's love. Oh... we are remembering the Savior's dying love. Oh... we are remembering the promise of God's love and we know that we will never be alone.**

**1 Through the years and through the wonder, we will never be alone. Through the tears and through the laughter, God is here with us. (Chorus)**

**2 Through the fear and through the silence, we will never be alone. Through the life and through the dying, God is here with us. (Chorus)**

**3 Through the word and through the water, we will never be alone. Through the cross and the risen Savior, God is here with us. (Chorus)**

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PRAYER

P: Almighty God, **C: who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**SENDING**

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C: OK. We will! Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

*'Send Us Out'*

DRM pg. 50

**We have been called by the Lord. We have been saved by the Word. Now let the Word be restored. Now let the Gospel be heard.**

**Chorus: Send us out to teach what God has done. Send us out to reach ev'ry single one. Send us out, send us out.**

**We who were bound by our shame, ruled by our fears within, stand and declare by the name, freedom from all of our sin. (Chorus)**

**Bridge: (2X) Teach what God has done, reach ev'ry single one. (Chorus)**

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## Bells, Postlude

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*Revelations 22- Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.*

**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle. Please join us downstairs following worship for coffee and fellowship.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by your gifts to the endowment fund. [Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].

**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for March: \$21,132.14. Here is what we received: \$16,905.26. We deficit spent \$4,226.88. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net).



**Pastor Denise is on vacation** through the 17<sup>th</sup>, if you need pastoral care while she's away, Pastor Janet from Zion will help. You can call her at (507) 458-1960.

**We welcome back Pastor Renee Tecklenburg** as she is filling in for Pastor Denise today and will be delivering the sermon.

**Day of Love** would take any military fatigues that you might be getting rid of. We will use them for quilts to be given to veterans.

**If you donated flowers** for Easter and would like to bring them home, please pick them up after the church service today.

**The Spring Fever Youth Retreat** is April 28-30<sup>th</sup> at Green Lake Bible Camp. This'll be a weekend full of Bible Studies, games, arts & crafts, worships, campfires, & more. This retreat is great for new campers who want to give camp a try before doing a full week. Register by April 18<sup>th</sup> by calling (320) 796-2181 or visiting [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org).

**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Tabor Methodist Church in Big Stone City, SD. Speaker will be Tina Young on "Joyful living Surrounded by Grief"; Tina will also talk about having exchange students in your home & the process to get them; and Julie Ann French will sing a solo for the special music. This cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Carol Rabe at (605) 862-8570 or just be a walk-in. There is a free nursery by reservation.


**The Ortonville Ambulance Relief Association** will hold their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am -1 pm at the Ambulance Garage 232 1st St NW. It will be a drive-thru only pick up service with a free will donation to help support the OARA and provide higher patient care in the Ortonville service area.

**The Synod Assembly** is at Gustavus Adolphus College June 9-10. Please contact the church office to let someone know if you'd like to attend as a FELC delegate. Last year's assembly had to be cancelled due to a lack of participation, hopefully this is not the case for this coming year.

**The SW MN Synodical Women's Organization (SWO)** Convention is coming up on May 5th. The registration deadline is Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The registration form is available on their website or ask the church office for a printed copy.

**We are looking for volunteers** to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office or Kristi Ehrenberg if you are willing to help. 

**We are seeking to fill** the FELC Youth Leader position. It will start at approx. 20- hours per week during school year, less in the summer. Limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you, or someone you know is interested, please drop off resume and references at the church office or e-mail them to the pastor at pastor@firstenglish.net.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Ken Henneberg; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Mick Boone; Paul Erdman; Beckett Foster; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Swede & Janet Anderson; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. *If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.* 

### **This Week's Ministry Assistants—April 16th**

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan

**Acolytes:** Hannah & Brooke

**Greeters:** Kirsten Karels & Sharon Carlson

**Lector:** Ellie Helgeson

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

**Ushers:** Russel Thielke, Brent Zahrbock, Gale May, & Connie Newman

**Coffee Servers:** Kathy Stolpman, Kate Heinecke, & Ev Johnson

**Worship Leaders:** Kristi & Darin Ehrenberg

### **Next Week's Ministry Assistants—April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Greeter:** Dean & Anita Longnecker

**Acolytes:** Brianna & Mikaela

**Organist:** Amy Adelman

**Lector:** Kim Anderson

**Tech Desk:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

**Coffee Servers:** Kayes

**Ushers:** Eugene Stotesberry, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan

**REMINDER:** Calendar and other important information is on our website at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) and on the bulletin board (kiosk) in the narthex. The church office number is (320)839-2527.

## **Weekly Calendar**

- Sun – 4/16** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship – KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School
- Tues – 4/18** **Pastor Denise Fossen Is Back From Vacation**  
8:30 am Day of Love  
4:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at Fairway View
- Wed – 4/19** 9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast  
3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) & Kid's Club  
4:30 pm Confirmation (9)  
5:30 pm Youth Group & TV Broadcast  
7:00 pm Senior Choir
- Fri – 4/21** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed
- Sun – 4/23** 9:00 am Service of the Word Worship – KDIO & FB Live  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School



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John 20:19-31

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Resurrected Jesus, you come to us in our doubt and remind us of your unending presence. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and strengthen us to go out in good cheer as your faithful witnesses. Amen.**



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:21-22)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

**Jesus is risen, yet most of the disciples have not yet seen him. Is Thomas really the only one who needs the proof his eyes give him?**





**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you doubted something about your faith. Give yourself permission to doubt—doubt leads to wondering, which leads to an even deeper faith.
- What would you have done in Thomas' position?
- For the littles: Do you like to be surprised? Why or why not.



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you doubt and faith. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Take a long walk. (If you cannot take a long walk, find time to meditate.) Take with you a doubt or a challenge that has been haunting you. Work it over as you walk or meditate. Look at it from every angle. Consider all your options. Look at it from God's perspective. Ask God for guidance. See if you can come to greater clarity by the end of your walk or meditation.**



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Tuesday, Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28

Wednesday, Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42

Thursday, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12

Friday, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16

Saturday, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14