

## **SUNDAY BULLETIN AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAY 10, 2020**

### **THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER'S DAY**

#### **ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

**Opening-Anne Lu Hovis and Scott Shelerud**

**Welcome and announcements**

**Opening prayer-** Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Scripture lesson-Audrey Carlson**

**John 14:1-14**

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**Sermon**

**Special Music-“Shall We Gather at the River?”- Lawrence Burkhard**

**Prayer**

Holy God, we thank You that You are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Grant us grace to trust You to make a Way and to be a Way for us. Thank you, on this Mother’s Day, for moms and all who have been like mothers for us; grant to them joy in their children and satisfaction in their efforts of creating space for others to grow and be cherished. We pray for those whose hearts are troubled and for those who are struggling with any kind of illness or grief. Guide all in leadership positions that the common good may be served, and bring healing and help to all the world as we struggle with the coronavirus. In Your name we pray. Amen.

## **Benediction**

### **Closing-Anne Lu Hovis and Scott Shelerud**

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#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor Susan Berge

Videographer-Scott Shelerud

Lector-Audrey Carlson

Musicians- Scott Shelerud, Anne Lu Hovis, Lawrence Burkhard

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **UPDATE FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Worship Committee met virtually on Monday, May 4 and had a productive and creative meeting. A few take-aways of interest:

\*We will begin filming much of the worship service back within the sanctuary, starting with the service for this morning, Sunday, May 10. Very few people will be present, all at appropriate social distances, and the church will be disinfected before and after. We believe this will allow for a little better filming experience, as well as providing the comfort of seeing the sanctuary! But please note---the building remains closed apart from this one exception!!

\*There will be an opportunity to celebrate Holy Communion virtually, within your home, on Pentecost, May 31. We will likely continue such a monthly experience as long as our present situation continues. More information will be available prior to that service.

\* At present, there are no plans in place for in-person congregational worship through the month of May and possibly beyond that. When we do begin to gather again, every precaution will be taken, and likely a virtual worship experience will also remain an option.

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##### **KNIFE RIVER PRAYER LIST:**

In need of healing: Veronica Persons, Susan Anderson, Elsa Keeler, Becca Kuechle, Les Bolen, Corrinne Sutherland, Fred Wright, Reid Carson, Kayla Davidson, Archie Moore, Pastor John Reppe, Gary Swanson, Faith Swanson, Seth Goodnature, Pat Hovis, Audrey Goplin, Tom and Geneva Healy

Grieving: Family and friends of Bob Anderson (Tim Anderson's father)

Special circumstances: Jacques Basson (Anne Lu's brother, who is working with Covid-19 patients in Dubai.)

Serving in military abroad: Austin Morreau, Britton Harris

Long Term Concerns: Sue Sigel, Laurie Jackson, DeWayne and Maurine Rubedor, Jason Russo and family, David Pierce, Jan Moon, Pat Hanson, Pat Levenske, Dani Mattson, Lyle Northey, Leif Zmolek, Kane Bolen, Aspen Winbigler, Deb Allert

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NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES IN CHURCH BUILDING THIS WEEK

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ONLINE THIS WEEK

Sunday-Virtual Worship

Tuesday- 9:00 AM-Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper online

Sunday, March 17-Virtual Worship

2:00 PM-Virtual Confirmation

UPCOMING:

Monday, May 18- 10 AM-Staff meeting online

6:30 PM-W/ELCA meets online

Sunday, May 24-Newsletter Deadline for June newsletter

Sunday, May 31-Pentecost worship! We will celebrate Holy Communion virtually.

10 AM-Council meets

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W/ELCA update and meeting date change

Our Women's Group met two afternoons in a row online, once for a business meeting, to appropriation generous gifts to charities, and once for a devotion/study/discussion time. Both were well attended for online meetings. We changed the date for our online May meeting from that in the newsletter; we will NOT meet on May 12 at 4 PM. We WILL meet on Monday(yes, Monday), May 18, at 6:30 PM. We hope this time slot will allow even more to participate as they would like!

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COVID-19 COMMUNITY EFFORTS..UPDATE FROM DR. ANNE SKADBERG

Dear friends,

Thank you everyone for hunkering down and following the guidelines as laid out by the state. The plan is working to suppress the surge for the time being. We understand one is still coming, but hopefully we will be entering it with a bit more preparation and that it will be moderated in it's numbers. Plans A, B, C, and many more, have been made and we hope as we move into the phase of functioning in the presence of the virus we can stay in the less drastic plans. On that note, thank you mask makers, that will help and as you know they are being used!

In the clinics we have started delivering a lot of care by video and phone, and while different, we are finding it very effective for many things and anticipate we will continue to use it for those things after this passes. There remain things that are best or necessary to see in person and we do that. I see maybe one to three people in person a day right now. We are making our best effort to keep our clinics clean and safe places so if you are having a problem that you think should be addressed don't ignore it, particularly if it is something that could become complicated if ignored. We ask that people call ahead and review issues with triage staff so that we may direct them to the best channel. Often we begin to address with a virtual visit with phone or video and then the physician determines if the person needs to be seen or have further testing..

Certainly with COVID symptoms we are asking people to call ahead and we will direct to mobile testing sites or to the proper care site. If things ramp up, we will have a system for home hospital care as well trying to keep people in their homes while being monitored remotely. In the future this system may be used for folks with heart and pulmonary disease. We are having more advanced care planning discussions with people as well so that we are respecting their wishes.

I work with the Essentia system, but as I understand it, the above also holds true for the St. Lukes system.

As we move into things likely opening up a bit, it will remain and actually become more important that the elderly and those with risk factors continue to socially distance. There may be increased need for assisting with shopping, etc. So please ask for assistance if that would be helpful. And continue to pick up the phone to visit so we don't have social isolation.

We will be able to learn in the next few weeks how countries like Norway and Germany fare as they open up a bit. Chris keeps up with the Norwegian newspapers and his family. They locked down early and were able to mitigate their numbers, and now are opening up schools.

So thank you everyone for doing your part, it is making a difference. Continue to be smart, innovative, and patient as we move forward. This will require us to do things differently than we're used to for awhile.

Keep praying!... particularly for the scientists and the vaccine process.

Please don't hesitate to call with questions. 340-6485 or 834-5901

Take care,  
Anne

If you are ill or at risk and in need of shopping assistance for groceries or supplies, please call Laura Stone and she will coordinate with others who have offered to help, obtaining those supplies and getting them to you. 834-4916.

Additional note from Pastor: David and Linda Grong can also get groceries or supplies, 507-828-9611

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## MASK MESSAGE FROM JOANIE LEE

Currently we have made and given out to friends and family over two hundred masks. Another 130 have been donated to nursing homes and assisted living. We continue to make them and the masks are available to anyone wanting them. If anyone has a supply of 1/4 inch elastic we'd love

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## OFFERINGS

Please remember to continue to support the church through your mailed in offerings! P.O. Box 218, Knife River, MN 55609

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## WHO ARE WE MISSING?

We are attempting to cast our net wide in sending out these emails, along with postings on Facebook and our church website. Additionally, we are sending snail mail copies to those who are without online resources. If you know of someone we are missing, please let us know, so we may include them too!

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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND KID'S CONNECT

All students should be receiving weekly mailings with lessons and craft ideas from Lawrence Burkhard and Randi Alreck. We hope they are proving meaningful and inspiring! Let Lawrence know if you should be receiving them and aren't.

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