Acts 1:1-14
1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs as you saw him go into heaven.

Upcoming Readings
April 10: Peter Heals in Jerusalem—Acts 3:1-10
April 17: Church at Thessalonica—Acts 17:1-9
Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Songs

Children’s Message

Lesson of the Day  Acts 1:1-14  
P: Word of God, Word of life  C: Thanks be to God

Message  Pastor Karsten Nelson

Response Song/Offering

Prayers

Communion/Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Sending Song

Sending  
P: Go in peace to serve the Lord by transforming lives  C: Thanks be to God

Celebration of Communion

Today we celebrate with Alexander Smith, Katherine Smith and Kira Weverka who are joining us at the Lord’s table.

Sacraments Matter

April 10 (between both services in Fellowship Hall)

How many sacraments do we have in the Lutheran Church? Why do we participate in Holy Communion? Which comes first? baptism or Communion? All are invited to participate in an opportunity for deeper Christian learning regarding the Lutheran sacraments. This will be a time for folks to be in conversation about what the sacraments are and how we desire to invite others to participate particularly in regards to Holy Communion as the church considers opening the Lord’s Table to all people (regardless of whether they have been baptized or not). We hope you join the pastors for what should be a good discussion.

Lost and Found—There is a table in the Narthex of Lost and Found Items. Please look through these items as we will be bringing them to the Goodwill if it is not picked up.

Photo Directory—We are making plans to have a new church directory made this Spring with pictures being taken May 4 – 7. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sundays for an available time slot or check out our website for a link to online sign ups. Each family that is photographed will receive one free 8x10 picture and a free church directory. If you can’t make that weekend of pictures, alternative locations will be available—please ask at the table.

Youth Plant Sale!  Need a hanging basket for mom?  Looking to purchase paks/pots of your summer flowers (annuals and perennials)?  Need vegetable plants, herbs and more?  Pick up a Youth Plant Sale form at the Welcome Desk at church and turn in forms/payment by Sunday, April 24.  Plants will be available for pick-up Friday, May 6 - Sunday, May 8.  Plants are from Fletchers Greenhouses.  All proceeds support the Youth Ministry!  For more info contact Intern Pastor Anne.

Just People—The next JUST PEOPLE event will be concerning legislation and how we can act JUSTLY through participating in the legislative process. This important event will be held on Tuesday April 12th at 7pm at Presentation School (1695 Kemard in Kenny Parish Hall, entrance on east side of the school wing). IT IS NON-PARTISAN and designed to inform what is coming up in the legislature. It will be peaceful, informative, and respectful. Please plan to attend.

Consider being a delegate for ORLC—Once a year in May the congregations of this St Paul Area Synod gather for a business meeting that includes election, resolutions and worship. The theme this year, "Bold & Hopeful" includes election, resolutions and worship. The theme this year, "Bold & Hopeful" is about claiming our past, but more importantly, our future, as people shaped by God's grace.

Group for the Widowed—A group for Widows is meeting to meet and discuss their various losses like the gas tank filler, the garbage man, the fixer-upper, the patient listener and on & on. We’ll meet to draw on the experiences of others that are “Left Without”. Please attend the first meeting on Thursday, April 7 at 9 am. Please feel welcome to decide last minute or call Kathi Kirchoff to RSVP your attending.

Join the Gift Card Challenge

Gift cards are such an easy and convenient way to raise money for church projects. All you have to do is buy gift cards for all your regular shopping needs, and church will receive a percentage of the card value. We earn an average of 4% on cards sold adding up to a little over $2,000 per year, not a bad return on money you would be spending anyway. We have many gift cards on hand to choose from as well as hundreds of additional cards that may be special ordered. Gift cards are available to purchase on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month. Don’t miss the special gift card challenge event coming up. If you purchase a gift card during the month of April, your name will automatically be entered into a drawing for a free $25 gift card of your choice. Join the Gift Card Challenge!

Thrivent Action Team Event Serving at Dorothy Day Monday April 25th—Please join us by participating in a Thrivent Action Team Event serving a meal at Dorothy Day on April 25th. We need preparers at 2:00PM until 4:00PM and we need servers from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. Thrivent has approved an Action Team grant to help fund this meal. Thank you Thrivent! We continue to need volunteers and appreciate the many hours people have contributed to fill this important ministry to the homeless and low income in our community. New volunteers are welcome and no experience is required. The signup sheets can be found in the Narthex at the Information Desk. We would like to encourage Thrivent Members to participate but the event is open to all. Volunteers will receive the new Thrivent Action Team T-shirt. Thank you.

OWLS Event—The OWLS are flying out Thurs- day, April 14 at 9:30 am from church to the University of Minnesota Raptor Center. The group will attend a sit-down 45 minute program (three birds demonstration) followed by a 15 minute walking tour of the facility. Attendees are invited following to the Spring Flower Show at Como Conservatory to enjoy the flowers and lunch at the park cafe. Sign-up in the Narthex and for more information contact Intern Pastor Anne. Transportation provided! We plan to land back at church by 1:30 pm.