

**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 where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Upcoming Readings**

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

<b>Worship Host</b>	Amy Krohn
<b>Ushers</b>	Claire Sexton, Cheri Edwall, Caitlyn Edwall, Matt Kilbride
<b>Greeters</b>	Helen Wallace, Shirley Keating
<b>Lector</b>	Hilary Hinrichs
<b>Gift Cards</b>	Sharon Peterson
<b>Kitchen Help</b>	Darlene Harwood



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Loving God & Serving Others*

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**Sunday, April 3, 2016  
11:00am**

**Sunday, April 3 First Sunday Food Shelf,  
Blood Pressure Check, Bucks for our Building**

8:45am Traditional Worship  
10:00am Creation Stations, Middle School SS  
11:00am Contemporary Worship  
1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church

**Monday, April 4**

**Tuesday, April 5**

1:00pm Staff Meeting  
6:30pm Kitchen Worker Training  
7:00pm SEL (S)

**Wednesday, April 6**

9:30am Bible Study  
6:00pm Confirmation, Bell choir  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, April 7**

6:45am Men's Bible Study  
5:00pm Worship & Music  
6:00pm Children's Ministry Team Mtg,  
Girl Scouts

**Friday, April 8**

**Saturday, April 9**

11:00am Bruehl Funeral  
1:30pm Liturgical Dance Practice  
5-9pm SEL (S)

**Sunday, April 10**

8:45am Traditional Worship  
10:00am Creation Stations, Middle School SS,  
Sacraments Matter  
11:00am Contemporary Worship  
1:00pm Spring of Eternal Life Church  
3:00pm SEL (FH)

**Welcome to worship!** If you are visiting, thank you so much for joining us in worship! If this is your first time here or if you have been here before and would like to know more about this church, please fill out a Visitor Information Card (located in the card racks in front of you on the pew) and place it in the offering plate. Please feel free to join us after service for conversation and fellowship. Thank you for visiting and experiencing the power of God and hearing the promise of His Word with us!

**Holy Communion** This morning we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. All baptized believers who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to participate. To accommodate those participating in communion that would prefer to have a gluten-free wafer (instead of bread), they are available for you to take in the silver bowl on the baptismal font. There is also white grape juice (instead of wine) available from the inner circle of the communion tray. Please fill out a communion participation card and hand it to the usher as you come forward.

## 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**

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## 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 Pletscher's 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Presentation School (1695 Kennard 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" is about claiming our past, but more importantly, our future, as people shaped by God's grace. God's reforming Spirit has been at work in us and we will go forward inspired by the same Spirit. If you want more information about his invitation for May 20 and 21 talk to Pastor Karsten.

**Group for the Widowed**—A group for Widows is forming 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>**—Please join us by participating in a Thrivent Action Team Event serving a meal at Dorothy Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 Thursday, 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.