**Hymn Notes:**

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” (255)

This is a divided hymn in our book—we sang the first five stanzas on Easter (#235). The next six stanzas (#255) tell quite faithfully the story of Thomas and his encounter with the risen Jesus. The Greek name Didymus, as Thomas was called, means (the twin). If Thomas did indeed have a twin brother, a lifetime of mistaken identity may have predisposed him to question the disciples’ identification of the person who appeared to them. On the other hand, there is a tradition that he was called “twin” because he closely resembled Jesus, which would also make him aware of how one person could be mistaken for another. In any case, the disdain Thomas has suffered through the ages as “doubting Thomas” fails to take into account how his caution results from his life experience and how preferable honest questioning is to insincere claims of belief. Don’t forget his profession “My Lord and my God” is profound.

**Faithfully Serving Northwood Church Today**

**Greeters:**
- (8:15) Barbara Moler & Ellen Stoup
- (11:00) Larry & Sandy Ingram

**Ushers:**
- (8:15) Fred & Charlotte McQuown
- Ellen Stoup & Gene Baker
- (9:30) Marie Ziegler & Kim Peterson
- (11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen
- Polly Brown & Jon Mills

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence

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**Birthday Blessings To…**

- **Sunday, May 19:** Bryce Bullis
- **Tuesday, May 21:** Nancy Johnson, Bill Martin, Michelle Nigels
- **Wednesday, May 22:** Mimi Judd, Jim Roberts, Sandy Estavil
- **Thursday, May 23:** Bryan Bullis
- **Saturday, May 25:** Jane Frame, Hallie Pelham, Kylie Winder

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

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**The Flowers in the Sanctuary Today are given to the glory of God by**

**Louise Mylin**

In Honor of Bill’s Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2019 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

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**Christian Education**

**8:15 AM Children’s Christian Education**

3 yr. old-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

**9:30 AM Children’s Christian Education**

3 yr. old-1st Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Cassondra Fredricksen.

**11:00 AM Children’s Christian Education**

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**11:00 AM Middle & High School Christian Education**

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be discussing today’s message.

**Adult Christian Education**

**9:30 AM TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) is an adult class that focuses on how our Christianity informs our attitudes toward modern scientific, political, religious and social challenges. Visitors are always welcome to explore whether this approach would enhance their Sunday experience at Northwood.

Today, Eleanor Cicerchi will explore Generation Z: A Force for Change in Our World?

From Marjory Stoneman Douglas High school to calls for action on climate change around the world, is Generation Z (those born in the 21st century) departing from the complacency and self-centeredness of the millennials?

**11:00 AM Experiencing God Class Room 15**, led by Vicki Krueger, Join us on the journey for the truth about Jesus. In this video-based study based on "The Case for Christ," we will sift through historical evidence and expert testimony to help us see Jesus in a new way and find our lives transformed. We will also gain the tools to talk about Jesus with those who question whether Jesus existed or whether he is a good man, a prophet or the Son of God. Come join us!

**11:30 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study**

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8. We are studying the Book of Hebrews, using the study guide: Hebrews: Christ-Perfect Sacrifice, Perfect Priest by John MacArthur. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lu.cindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!
**THE GATHERING**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**HYMN #255**

**ANTHEM**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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**CHILDREN’S MUSIC**

“I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” — Celestial Orff Ensemble

**HYMN #255** — "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" — O FILLI ET FILLAE (stanzas 3,4,5,6)

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” — Alfred V. Fedak

**DOXOLOGY**

— OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN #817** — “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” — DUNLAP’S CREEK

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:19-31 NRSV (page 883)

**SERMON**

“Thomas is a Friend of Mine” — Chris Curvin, Pastor

*(verse 29) “Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet they have believed”*

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**HYMN #829** — “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” — OLIVET

**BENEDICTION**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC**

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**SUNG BLESSING**

(11:00) — “May the Peace of God Be Your Peace” — Neil McLaren

Gail Rothrock, Soloist

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“Improvisation on WOODLANDS” — Paul Manz

*(based on “The Risen Christ,” Hymn #257)*

(1919-2009)

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**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.**

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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Now has Christ truly risen, and His Spirit is given to all those
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daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead
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and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. *(hymnal p.35)*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

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