

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Hope Lutheran Church exists to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ, and to
develop our lives as his Disciples*

Nursery room available downstairs for ages 5 and under

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD! EASTER DAY April 12, 2020

WELCOME

AS WE GATHER

The spring of souls. The queen of seasons. The royal feast of feasts. With those colorful phrases the ancient writer John of Damascus, who lived in the eighth century, described Easter Day in a classic hymn text. The Feast of the Resurrection and its importance is difficult to put into words. Everything has been done: Christ has come and has established His kingdom in the world for the sake of the resurrection and the life to come. His saving work is accomplished—and we are the beneficiaries! The action word “go” is central for us this day, as we go in to meet our Lord in worship and go out to share the message of the empty tomb and of the risen Christ, our Lord!

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG: He Reigns

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

C God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PSALM

Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.”

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.^[b]

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after^[c] another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.^[d]

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being^[e] rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.^[f]

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (LSB v. 1-4)

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1–6

¹“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

²Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.
⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1–4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became

like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: Because He Lives (Amen)

SERMON: Pastor Paul Kollek

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing in His peace, let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

O risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, make us to burn with the fire of Your love, that we may love You above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves. Deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts, that we may live out fully the hope planted within us and the new lives we received in the waters of our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, anoint the words of those who preach to us Your Gospel, and open our ears to hear with faith all that He has done to save us. Raise up many who will serve You in the various callings of Your Church and who will serve us in Your name with Your Word and gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of Donald Trump our president; Gretchen Whitmer, our governor; the Congress of the United States; and all state and local elected officials. Guide them according to Your Word, that their labors for our nation's health and welfare may not be in vain, nor forgetful of the vulnerable, aging and unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, across our nation so many are imprisoned. Bless all prison workers, that they may be humane and serve with integrity. Bless those incarcerated with hope for the future and amendment of life, help them to serve their sentences with patience and trust in You, and bless their families who love them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth *especially*

Give them grace according to their need, and sustain them in their afflictions to the day when their sufferings will be exchanged for glory in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, accept the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving from our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring this day. Increase in the hearts of Your people delight in Your mercy, gratitude for all Your benefits, and eagerness to support the mission of Your Church in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, Give comfort and certainty for those who long for Your Supper and believe Your Son's holy testament, that they may know they have what Christ says: forgiveness of sins. Strengthen us in faith and equip us to love one another as You love us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All praise to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have opened up to us the way to eternal life in the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We give You thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors. Keep us in that same faith, and embolden us by Your resurrection to be fearless in the face of disease, chaos, loneliness and every sorrow of this world. Give us, with Job, the solemn expectation to cheer us: our Redeemer lives, and we, too, shall be resurrected and glorified to live with Him in His eternal Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our resurrected Lord, who taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**☩ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: Take My Life

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

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COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

April will be in the office only as needed, but we are still here to help! If you have a need of any kind, please call the church office at 810-735-4807. If no one answers, leave a message. We will be checking messages daily.

Pastor will be working from home on most days, but he is still readily available by phone or text at 989-277-3460.

All face to face services are suspended. In order to continue worshiping as much as possible, we will have a video worship service available to view at any time!

You may access our Youtube channel in one of four ways:

- Website at hopelinden.org
- Facebook.com/HopeLinden
- By clicking on this Link: [Hope Lutheran Church of Linden Services](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7t6oO418xG8PuHnAmssTxA)
- Using this address directly in your search bar:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7t6oO418xG8PuHnAmssTxA>

If you need help viewing these services, please call the church office, and we will be happy to help.

4/5/20 INFORMATION

Worship

Online Service 129 Views

Collections

Givings2050.00
Paypal Donations..... 50.00
Electronic Givings 1000.00

Happy Birthday

April 8-Patti Guillen; April 14-Amy Heslip; April 15-Danny Zerafa; April 16-Tyler Collard, Bonnie Horosko, Jaclyn Stafford; April 19-April Buerkel

Happy Anniversary

Ken and Ruth Black on April 15th!

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APRIL THROUGH JUNE PORTALS OF PRAYER are available for pick up here at the church. Drive up to the front doors, and you will see a bin under the covered porch with these devotionals.

HOPE FINANCIAL UPDATES

Throughout the shelter in place period, Hope's Council has limited all church expenses to only those necessary to maintain our reduced office hours, pay our mortgage, pay our insurance, pay our utilities, and provide care for members in the most need. Council has agreed to continue paying our salaried employees their full salaries (salaried employees are Pastor Kollek and Mark Siefert) and our hourly employees (April O'Toole and Ruth Stockwell) their regular wages for the hours they work, reduced though they are.

Minimum Necessary Monthly Expenses during Covid19 shutdown

Payroll	\$8,800
Mortgage	\$1,341
Utilities	\$1,200
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>\$400</u>
Total	\$11,741

A weekly average of **\$2935.00** is needed to cover our minimum expenses each month. While there are many great things we can normally designate our offerings to, such as the backpack ministry, Oasis, missions, the sign fund, etc., as long as we are sheltering in place, we ask that you prayerfully consider focusing your givings on meeting Hope's basic needs as described above.

Pastor and Council teleconference each Monday to assess church business and discuss the well being of the congregation during this state of emergency. If you have any concerns, please relay them to a council member or Pastor.

WAYS TO CONTINUE GIVING:

- You may mail your offering to: Hope Lutheran Church, PO Box 188, Linden, MI 48451.
- You may sign up for Electronic Withdrawal directly from your bank account Please call Phyllis Pross, our congregation treasurer, if you would like to do this. Her phone number is 810-735-4288.
- Go to our website at hopelinden.org and click on the DONATE NOW button.
- You may now give electronically via Paypal using your smartphone and this QR code.

