

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.

Easter People Follow April 21, 2024

AS WE GATHER

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheeplike people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He “will tend His flock like a shepherd” (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG: Jesus Paid It All

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

John 12:26; Ephesians 4:15; Psalm 25:1–3, 5, 10; 106:48

P Jesus said: “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”

C **Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust.

C **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

C **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

P Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

C **And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and pray for His gracious forgiveness.

C **O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty on all occasions. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority and have not without reservation encouraged them. We have not completely put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: What A Friend We Have in Jesus (LSB 770)

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE: *Please stand and greet one another with the Peace of Christ*

FIRST READING

Acts 4:1–12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:16–24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming

and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (LSB 686)

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.**

OFFERING

We do not pass the offering plate here at Hope. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Basket located in the Narthex. There is also an online option for giving by using the QR code located in the back of the bulletin. Pastor will bless the offerings at this time.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P (After each petition)...Lord in your mercy

C Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

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.

CLOSING SONG: Soon and Very Soon

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

LINDEN PAY IT FORWARD IS COLLECTING ALPINE RECEIPTS. If you shop there and would like to donate to this community organization, please put your receipts in the box in the Narthex.

OASIS for Middle School kids is on Thursdays from 2:30 to 5pm. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated!

HOPE NOT HANDCUFFS COMMUNITY PRESENTATION IS BEING HELD HERE AT HOPE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD AT 5:30PM. This program brings law enforcement and community organizations together in an effort to find viable treatment options for individuals seeking help for their drug or alcohol addiction. Find out more about this program at this free event.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORD AND WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICES Worship service is on Sundays at 9:30am. If you are unable to attend in person worship services, the services are recorded, and will be available on our website at hopelinden.org.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS AT 10AM. Please join Barb Wright in the deep study of the book of Isaiah. Invite your friends and family!

A TASTE FOR TRUTH BIBLE STUDY TIME AND DAY HAS CHANGED TO SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE (NO CLASS ON 4/14 and 4/21) This study offers a hands-on renewing of the mind to strengthen yourself against any temptations you face!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY AFTER SERVICE. This is a mixed adult class led by Pastor. This class will be taking a deeper look at the scripture readings for that Sunday...good conversation and the chance to ask Pastor questions!

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT 6:30PM resumes next week, on April 10th. We are finishing up the video series, "Cold Case Christianity". It's not too late to check it out!

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

APRIL 2024 CEF INTEREST RATES for investors have been posted on the bulletin board near the Church Office. Connie Casselton (810-869-1438) is our MI-CEF liaison if you have questions.

HOPE IS BEGINNING A MEAL TRAIN VOLUNTEER MINISTRY for individuals or families when there is a need due to illness or injury. Sign Up Sheets for volunteers to provide a meal will be in the Narthex on an ongoing basis as needed. If you have any questions or know of someone in need, please contact Karen McKeachie.

HOPE IS CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME!

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Weekly Information

Attendance

04/14/24 Worship 9:30..... 50
04/16/24 Women’s Bible Study 8
04/17/24 Adult Bible Study

Collections and Facility Income

04/14/24 Givings 3240.00
Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget..... 3194.00

Financial Update for March 2024

Actual Revenue 17121.76
Actual Expenditures 15879.85
Actual Overage 1241.91
Fiscal YTD Shortfall -4094.78

**Currently being covered by special offerings*



QR Code for giving via PayPal.

NEXT WEEK

Office Hours
M-Th 9am-Noon

Monday, April 22

Tuesday, April 23
Women’s Bible Study
10am
Hope Not Handcuffs
Presentation 5:30pm

Wednesday, April 24
Choir Rehearsal 5pm
Chime Choir 6pm
Bible Study 6:30pm

Thursday, April 25
Oasis 2:30-5pm

Friday, April 26
Office Closed

Saturday, April 27
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BRIAN NORWOOD!

Sunday, April 28
Worship Service 9:30am
Adult Bible Studies After
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
WAYNE LEIDEKER!

