

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 Makes A Difference

April 7, 2024

AS WE GATHER

Easter made a difference in the lives of so many people! In the core community of believers, it wasn't a matter of something to believe but how to make a difference in the way a person lived. The other disciples had let Thomas stay with them until Jesus reappeared. It must have been a tense time, but uniquely bearable because they had met their Lord, alive. That change, the difference that Easter made, wasn't limited to the apostles; the entire group shared all they had, living testimony of Jesus' presence with them. How will you be different after hearing this great Good News?

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less (LSB 575)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:5:10; 2:1b-2

P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

P If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE: Above All

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection

C may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;

P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 4:32–35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life,

which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.

CONFIRMATION: DELANEY JONES

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should always and everywhere thank and praise You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly do we praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, who not only rose from death but has led the way for us to be with You forever. And so, with all the heavenly host, we raise our voices in thanks, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not spare Your only Son but gave Him into death that we might have life. Though we cannot understand Your love or comprehend eternity, we lift our voices in thanksgiving and pray You to strengthen us through this Sacrament to serve as Your witnesses.

C Grant that everyone who hears and sees our daily living and our love for You and the people around us will recognize the difference in our lives due to Jesus' victory over death and the grave.

P Gathered in Jesus' name, we pray that You would forgive, renew, and strengthen us. Gather us with all who are faithful so that together we may join the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you, Pastor.

AGNUS DEI

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: The Lamb (LSB 547)
Beautiful Savior (LSB 537)**

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray.
We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament.
- C** We pray that You would strengthen us by it each day to use all that we are and have to the good of others and the praise of Your holy name;
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** 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: Great Is the Lord

Should I Attend the Lord's Supper?

1. Am I baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit?
2. Am I sorry for my sins and do I want to amend my sinful life?
3. Do I believe that with the bread and wine I also receive Christ's true body and blood?
4. Am I a confirmed member of the LCMS, *or* have I spoken to the Pastor or an Elder about communing at Hope Lutheran Church?

Lighter colored wine has alcohol removed

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!

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!

THE APRIL THROUGH JUNE PORTALS OF PRAYER ARE IN THE NARTHEX, AND FREE TO EVERYONE.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SET UP, PREPARED AND CLEANED UP AFTER THE WONDERFUL EASTER BREAKFAST! IT WAS A BLESSING!

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Weekly Information

Attendance

03/31/24 Worship 9:30..... 91
04/02/24 Women's Bible Study 8

Collections and Facility Income

03/31/24 Givings 4404.00
Givings Needed Weekly to meet budget..... 3194.00

Financial Update for February 2024

Actual Revenue 11,543.97
Actual Expenditures 16,015.20
Actual Shortfall..... -4471.23
Fiscal YTD Shortfall -5336.69

**Currently being covered by special offerings*



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NEXT WEEK

Office Hours
M-Th 9am-Noon

Monday, April 8

Tuesday, April 9
Women's Bible Study
10am

Wednesday, April 10
Choir Rehearsal 5pm
Chime Choir 6pm

Thursday, April 11
Oasis 2:30-5pm

Friday, April 12
Office Closed
Friday Grind 6am-9am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ZACH BURHANS!

Saturday, April 13

Sunday, April 14
Worship Service 9:30am
Adult Bible Studies After
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AMY HESLIP!

