

4th Sunday of Easter
April 20-21, 2024
Holy Communion

The Prelude is a signal to *end our conversation* and prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

The Living Charter

“to know Christ and to make Christ known”

P WE BELIEVE...It is the purpose of Hope Lutheran Church to engage as many persons as will share its confession of faith in a fellowship of worship, learning, witness and service so that the Word of God in Jesus Christ may become effective in their lives. Together and individually, we work to fulfill our mission as a congregation and work in relationship with other Christian fellowships and social institutions at home and throughout the world. To develop the individual ministries, we will remain flexible and open to meet the changing needs of the church, the community, and the world. It is our aim to draw on the talents of all persons to involve them in the life and mission of the church.

C WE PLEDGE...In our desire to unite with Hope Lutheran Church, we pledge faithful support and active participation to ensure and further the goals of this congregation that we may express, through our church and our life, the love and faith of Jesus Christ.

PASSING OF PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP **“Lead Me Lord”**
Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P **Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⁺ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.**

C **Amen.**

P **Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.**

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P **Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.**

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"

**(1)'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord"**

Chorus:

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
Oh, for grace to trust Him more**

**(3) Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life, and rest, and joy, and peace: Chorus**

**(4) I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end: Chorus**

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together.
C O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.**

**Jesus is worthy to receive
honor and pow'r divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, forever thine.**

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LESSON OF THE DAY

Acts 4:5-12

The lesson begins:

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-luia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al-le-luia. You have_ the words of_ eternal life.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-luia.

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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SERMON RESPONSE “O God, Who Gives Us Life”

**O_ God, who gives us_ life and breath,
who shapes us in_ the womb,
who_ guards our lives from birth to death,
then_ leads_ us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill
the life we have from you.
Help us to know your_ Spirit still
is_ ma - king all things new.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A Let us pray to our victorious Savior on behalf of the Church,
the world, and all people.**

A brief silence.

**A O Faithful Shepherd, defend and strengthen your people
when they are set upon by wolves and persecutors. Make
them so lovely with faith that their enemies repent of their
evil ways. Lord, in your mercy,**

C Hear our prayer

**A O Dear Shepherd of this congregation, lead us with your
Word. Prepare our table with your Body and Blood. Teach us
to do your will with glad and faithful hearts. Use us to lead
many into your safe keeping. Lord, in your mercy,**

C Hear our prayer

**A O Rod and Staff of your people, bless those who stand in
harm’s way on our behalf. Guard, guide, and strengthen
them. Prosper all they do that pleases you. Bring them home
safely and soon. Lord, in your mercy,**

C Hear our prayer

A **O Light and Path through death's dark valley, be the strong guide and sure comfort of all who walk therein, including: {List}. Fill them with your abundant life. Keep them steadfast in faith. Strengthen and bless all who care for them. Lord, in your mercy,**

C **Hear our prayer**

P **Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen from the dead and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C **Amen.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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THE OFFERTORY SONG "Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful"

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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**

P **Blessed are you, Almighty Father, whose strong and loving arms encompass the universe, for with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit you are forever one God. Through your Word you created all things and called them good, and in you we live and move and have our being. When we fell into sin, you did not desert us. You made covenant with your people Israel and spoke through prophets and teachers. In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

SANCTUS

**Holy, ho - ly, holy Lord_, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth_ are full of your glory.
Hosanna in_ the highest.
Blessed_ is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in_ the highest_, hosanna in_ the highest.**

P **Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor's own words)

P **On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith

C **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P **Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.**

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P **As a community, let us sing the Lord's Prayer.**

C **Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. A-men.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P **The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.**

THE COMMUNION is given and received.

THE BLESSING

P **Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.**

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"Day By Day"

**1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

**3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.**

DISMISSAL

A **Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.**
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE