

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25-26, 2026
Holy Communion

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members called forward (If in attendance for service)

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NEW MEMBERS

The Living Charter

“To know Christ and to make Christ known by caring for and about our members and supporting our community.”

- Ⓟ 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.**
- Ⓞ 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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
- C** Amen.
- P** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

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

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

- C** You guide us to springs of the water of life.
- P** Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.
- C** You guide us to springs of the water of life.
- P** Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.
- C** You guide us to springs of the water of life.
- P** Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Shout to the Lord"

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like_ you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound_ of your name_.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. *(REPEAT)***

GREETING

☞ May peace be to this house and all who enter here. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ And also with you.

KYRIE

**Ref. Kyrie eleison, on our world_ and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord *(Refrain)***

- 4 For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives
in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord *(Refrain)***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P **Let us pray together.**

G **O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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ANTHEM

LESSON OF THE DAY

Acts 2:42-47

The lesson begins:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

P **The Word of the Lord.**

G **Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - leluia, al - lelu - ia, al - leluia, alle - luia.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

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SERMON RESPONSE “RESTORE IN US, O GOD”

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;

Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

- P** Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured (*especially*). Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer
- P** God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
- C** Amen.

OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART"

Create in me a clean heart_, O God,
and renew a right spirit within_ me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir-it from_ me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free_ Spir-it.
Create in me a clean heart_, O God,
and renew a right spirit within_ me.

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 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (SUNG)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, 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.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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 pray in the way our Lord Jesus has taught us: *(SPOKEN)*
- 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. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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THE COMMUNION is given and received.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"What Can Wash Away My Sin? (Nothing but the Blood)"

1 What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Ref. Oh, precious is the flow
that makes me bright as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2 For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

3 Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. *(Refrain)*

DISMISSAL

A Let us go forth in the name of the Lord.

C To know Christ, and to make Christ known.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

He Lives

Words and Music by
Alfred Henry Ackley

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; I
2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care; And
3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing E -

know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say. I see His hand of
though my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair. I know that He is
ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King! The Hope of all who

mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him, He's al - ways
lead - ing through all the storm - y blast; The day of His ap - pear - ing will come at
seek Him, the Help of all who find, none oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and

near. He lives, He lives! Christ Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and
last.
kind. He lives, He lives!

talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal - va - tion to im -
He lives, He lives!

part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart!