



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

*The Purpose of Hope Church is to Glorify God by Worshipping,
Witnessing, Teaching, Loving, and Serving our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Second Sunday in Easter April 11, 2021 Communion Service & Alleluia!

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Intro: Song for Sienna (Brian Crane) & **Prelude:** Let Freedom Ring CD: Track 11 **"You'll Never Walk Alone"**

Welcome & Announcements.

Confirmation for grades 7-9 will continue on Fridays.

Discussion group after church reconvenes after church next Sunday.

Bible Study on Tuesday at 1:30.

Thank you, Dean Lindberg, for serving as **Songmaster**, leading us in worship singing God's praises.

Thank you, Steve Ekholm who leads us in **Liturgical responses**.

Thank you, Tim Manecke , Chuck Lucken & all those who serve to help in the transition between Administrative Assistants.

Invocation & P: Jesus is Risen! **C: He is risen indeed!!**

Prayers of Confession (green hymnal p.56)

Absolution: Jesus' Words of Comfort & Forgiveness

Hymn of Thanksgiving and Praise: Hymnals Plus: green hymnal p.89 **"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"**

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! ²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. ³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of your Son's resurrection because it means our resurrection as well. By the grace of Christ, enable us to demonstrate the power of resurrection and new beginnings in all we say and do. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to participate in the **Prayers of the Church:** L: "Confidant in Christ that His grace is sufficient, and led by His Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in celebration of the Resurrection. Jesus Christ has defeated death so that by believing and trusting Him, we know that in our final hour, we will be lifted to new life with Him. Because of His great love, we make intercession for the world by praying for the church, our nation, those in need, and all of God's creation. Let us bring our hopes and needs to the God who cares and listens." (brief silence.)

Holy God, look show deference to your church throughout the world and guide our spiritual leaders, mothers & fathers, grandparents, pastors & missionaries, council & committee members so that together, we testify to the resurrection with our thoughts, words and actions. Give us eyes to see when we have the ability to assist those who lack the basic needs of every human being, Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayers.**

Great Creator, we praise you for the natural systems and processes you have put in place that renew and sustain the planets, and all living things on land and sea. Please continue these life-giving processes. Thank you for the beauty around us that reveals your good pleasure in all you have made. Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayers.**

Mighty Counselor, we pray for you to guide and influence all who serve as leaders, so they will work for peace and fair treatment of all people, that all may live in unity, working toward the common good. Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayers.

Healer of our every ill, give comfort and healing and wholeness to all who doubt your love, who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially those who have asked for our prayers (list.) Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayers.**

Mighty God, we pray for all in our faith community, that we may be advocates for those in need; together proclaiming with St. Thomas "My Lord and my God," especially we pray for those in our congregation, George & Glendine Benson, Pat Bitker, Ron & Kim Bodensteiner, Marge & Karen Bolme, and Theodore & Rebecca Busse, Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayers.

Gentle Savior, we give you thanks that because you have destroyed the power of death, that we will be reunited with the faithful who have gone before us. Thank you for our inheritance of eternal life, the renewal life in this world, and the freedom that comes with a cleared conscience. We thank you for salvation through your sacrifice. Thank you for hearing our prayers, in your holy & precious Name. **Amen.**

Hymn in preparation to hear the Word of God: blue hymnal p. 591 **"Have Thine Own Way Lord"**

First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1—2:2¹ We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.⁴ 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 there is no darkness at all.⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself 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 that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

² My 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;² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Gospel: John 20:19-31¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was

not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of Faith: Hymnals Plus, blue hymnal p.147; green p.532. **“How Great Thou Art”**

Nicene Creed (green p.64)

P: THE PEACE OF 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 and salutary... join in their unending hymn.

“Awesome God” (Blue hymnal p.179)

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

*All who are **baptized and Believe** (Mark 17:17) in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During Distribution of Holy Communion, please maintain a **6-foot distance** from the family unit in front of you, wear **Masks & use hand sanitizer**. Feel free to take **prayer time** afterwards in your pew.*

Songs during Communion Distribution: *Hymnals: green p.296, or blue p.488 “**Just as I Am, Without One Plea**” & green p.467; or blue p.808 “**Eternal Father, Strong to Save**”*

L: *The body of Christ given for you;* C: **Amen**

L: *the blood of Christ shed for you.* C: **Amen**

Communion Blessing

Benediction

P: Jesus is Alive! C: **Alleluia! that Makes all the Difference.**

Closing Hymn: Hymnals Plus, blue hymnal p.107 **“Lord, I Lift your Name on High”** (*as acolytes extinguish candles & take the Light out into the World*)

Postlude: Let Freedom Ring CD: Track 11 **“You’ll Never Walk Alone”**, Song for Sienna