



Traditional Service 11:00

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

“Come and See... Go and Tell...”

Welcome to Hope for Easter 2026.

We are honored by your presence this morning at the Christian community's celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Death could not hold Jesus, who is God's saving gift of love and life to our world!

We offer the following to make your worship more rewarding and fulfilling:

- * We do not "take a collection" here. We only receive offerings. By giving a financial gift, you further the work of God's kingdom done by this church. You will also be participating in the offering of your life, your time and your possessions--signs of God's gracious love for us. 50% of our Easter offering has been designated to support the ministry and mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church, the other 50% to MLK's Kitchen for the Poor, which means 100% of your offerings today go to your neighbors in need.
- * Holy Communion is open to all baptized followers of Jesus, regardless of Christian denomination. At Hope we believe and teach that Jesus Christ is truly present in Communion through the bread and wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion please come forward with your arms crossed.
- * If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please let a Welcome Team member know, and we will bring the gift of this holy meal to you at your seat.
- * As a courtesy to others, please turn all cell phones & devices to the silent mode.
- * Restrooms are located across the hall from the Nest (out the doors to the front of the worship space).
- * Water fountain is located across from the Nest.
- * For families with young children, your children are welcome in worship with us, wiggles and all. Worship bags are available at either door with activities. Our nursery is available for children 4 years old and younger. The nursery is to the right of the Chancel (church front). There is also a changing table and toddler bathroom there.

Thank you for being here this morning! We invite you to worship and celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 and to experience the abundant life Jesus promises and delivers.

May God bless this time of worship and may God's love touch your heart and life in powerful ways today and in the days and months to come.

Wishing you and those you love God's peace and joy,

Kevin Maxey
Senior Pastor

Kristin Hunsinger
Associate Pastor

Hope Lutheran Church
April 5—11:00 am
Easter



WELCOME

Pastor Kristin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Christians, Join to Sing Ron Prebe & Gail Mowry

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Pastor: 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.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Pastor: 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.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Pastor: 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.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now All the Vault

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1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

All: Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Reader: ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

All: ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Reader: ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

All: ¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

Reader: ¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

All: ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Reader: ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

All: ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Reader: ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

All: ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Reader: ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Reader: ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Gail Mowry

MESSAGE

*The Good News Is...
... Alive in the World*

Pastor Kevin



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Each petition ends with Merciful God, and people respond **Receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Please be seated as the tithes & offerings to support our ministries are received.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Alleluia! Love is Alive

Adult Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Now the Green Blade Rises

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1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

Text from *Oxford Book of Carols*, © Oxford University Press 1928. All rights reserved.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

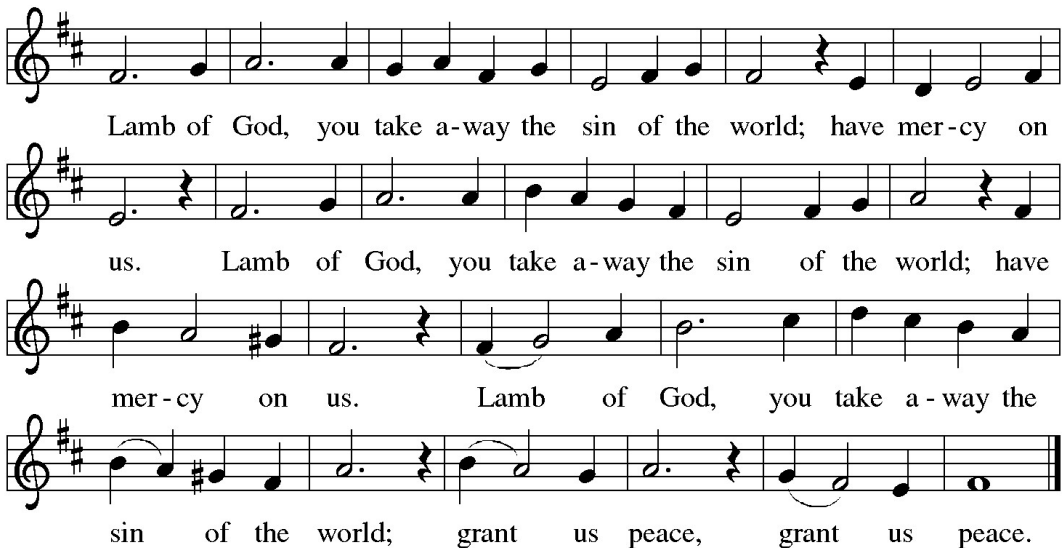
Pastor: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion will be received up front. The pastors will place the wafer in your open hand. Wrapped, gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine and grape juice are available for intinction. Dip the bread into the cup and consume. Individual cups of wine are also available if you prefer. Return to your seat by using the aisles.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Thine is the Glory

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: 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,

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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Leader: As you go into the world, remember our mission!

**All: Live out Servant Love,
Show Hospitality,
Extend Generosity,
Worship the Risen Lord.**

Leader: Go in peace, a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God!

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