

Because



Therefore

Traditional Service 11:00

April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

“Do not doubt but believe.”

Hope Lutheran Church
April 12—11:00 am
1st Sunday After Easter



WELCOME

Pastor Kevin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Arose

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.

GATHERING HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

#855

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

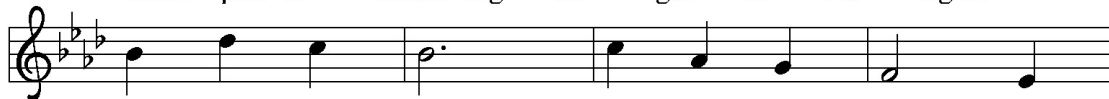
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



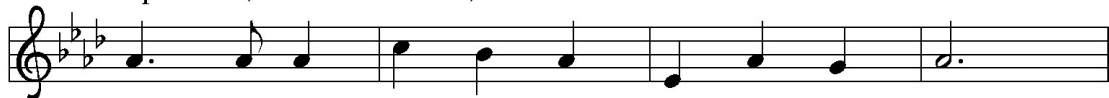
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**



NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

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

Optional Repeat

Pastor: The holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kristin

MESSAGE

*Because... I am the Resurrection
Therefore... we believe*

Pastor Kristin

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now the Green Blade Rises

#379

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

Christ Has Risen

Adult Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen

Music: Marty Haugen

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 around the altar. Follow the directions of the welcome team to kneel or stand around the rail. The pastor will place the wafer in your open hand. Wrapped gluten free wafers are available upon request. The communion assistant will follow with individual cups of wine and grape juice. You can then return to your seat by the side aisles.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you break the chains of hat - red and fear:
you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
you are the way of mer - cy and love:
mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#742

Be Thou My Vision

#793

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

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

#536

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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