

# Because



# Therefore

*Contemporary Service 9:00*

April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

*"Do not doubt but believe."*

Hope Lutheran Church

April 12—9:00 am

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Welcome

Pastor Kevin

Gathering Song

*Chain Breaker*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Song

*You Never Let Go*



Scripture Reading

**John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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."

<sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> 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."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not

written in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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 our Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

**Time with Young Disciples**

Pastor Kristin

**Message**

*Because... I am the Resurrection  
Therefore ... We Believe*

Pastor Kristin

**Response to the Message**

*Less Like Me*

**Confession & Forgiveness**

**The Prayers of the People**

*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.

**People: And also with you.**

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

**Offertory Song**

*Graves into Gardens*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Holy Communion**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 using the side aisles.*

Communion Song

*Beautiful Things*



Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song

*Child of Love*

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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