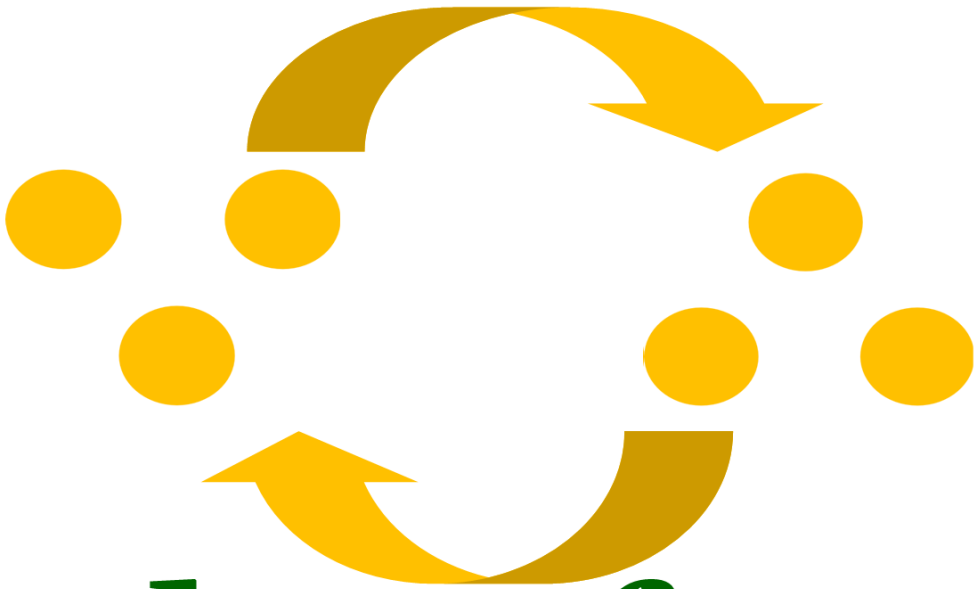


# Because



# Therefore

*Contemporary Service 9:00*

April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

*“Then their eyes were opened,  
and they recognized him.”*

Hope Lutheran Church

April 19—9:00 am

3rd Sunday of Easter



Welcome

Pastor Kevin

Gathering Song

*Oh How I Need You*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Prayer of the Day

Song

*Good Good Father*



Scripture Reading

**Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning

with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Time with Young Disciples**

Sarah Puffenberger

**Message**

*Because... I Was The Stranger  
Therefore ... We Are Called to Welcome*

Pastor Kevin

**Response to the Message**

*Amazing Grace*

**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**

*Great Are You, Lord*

**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



## Communion Blessing

## Benediction

## Sending Song

*Spirit in the Sky*

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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