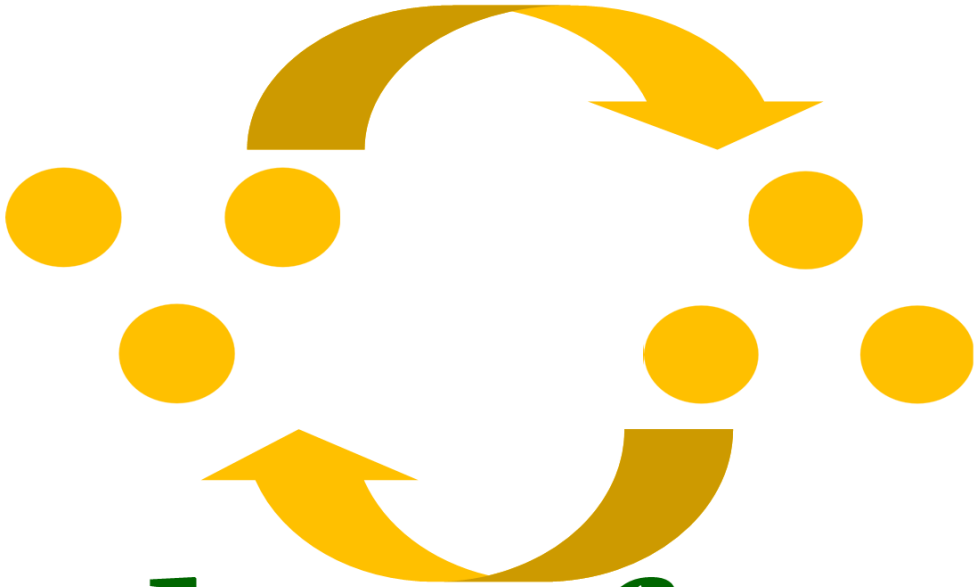


# Because



# Therefore

*Contemporary Service 9:00*

April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

*"I came that they may have life  
and have it abundantly."*

Hope Lutheran Church

April 26—9:00 am

4th Sunday of Easter



**Welcome**

Pastor Kristin

**Gathering Song**

*Do Something*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Song**

*In The House*



**Scripture Reading**

**John 10:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Time with Young Disciples**

Pastor Kevin

**Message**

*Because... I Am the Shepherd  
Therefore ... we are called to be together*

Pastor Kevin

**Response to the Message**

*King of Love*

**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**

*The Blessing*

**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**

*Give Me Jesus*



**Communion Blessing**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song**

*Joy to the World/This Little Light of Mine*

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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