



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in His Word
7th Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

May 12, 2024

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the faithful community living out Christ's mercy and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen**

Opening Hymn

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW 754

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. Gracious and glorious God, **you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

[Sit]

Youth Message

"Even Jesus Prayed!"

Choral Anthem

The Gift of Love
The Luther Singers

arr. Hal Hopson

First Lesson

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 1

(Congregation speaks together.)

¹**Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³**They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.**

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵**Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Lesson

1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Response: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

[Stand]

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**



John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed: ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

"Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Response: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ**

[Sit]

Sermon

"The Meaning of Life..."

Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior

[Stand]

ELW 655

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

[After each petition, the congregation responds with: **Hear our prayer.**]

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

(The congregation is asked to greet one another with the words of Christ: "Peace be with you.")

Offering

[Sit]

Offertory

[Stand]

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray together. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy . . . *(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

[Sit]

Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

We're nourished together by the body and blood of our Lord.

Communion Hymns

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

Rock of Ages, Clef for Me

ELW 623

Post-Communion Canticle

[Stand]

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ry one what he has done.

Let ev'ry one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray together. Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen**

Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

Benediction

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen**

“The Peace of God”

**Whatsoever things are honest,
 whatsoever things are true,
Whatsoever things are pure and lovely,
 think on these things.
Whatsoever things are wholesome,
 whatsoever things are good,
If there be any virtue, be any praise,
 think on these things.
And the peace of God
 that passes all understanding
Shall keep your hearts,
 shall keep your minds
 on Jesus Christ.**

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

“Our worship is ended; our service and our witness continue!”

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Prayer List

In addition to those named during worship today, a full prayer list is available in the narthex.

Today's Heavenly Helpers

* Assisting Minister	8:15 service	Carol Townsend
	10:45 service	Ellen Hancock
* Church Pianist		Sandy Hunter
* Choir Director		Matt Newton
* Lector	8:15 service	Ann Buehler
	10:45 service	Janet Smedley
* Greeters	10:45 service	Jeannine Sieck & Ann Berman
* Ushers	10:45 service	Rudy & Judy Kruger
* Communion Assistant	10:45 service	Janet Smedley
* Counters		Steven Freese & Sylvia Negri

Last week's attendance, in person and streaming: 122

Calendar of Events for This Week

Monday	- Knitting & Crochet ministry, 2 PM
Tuesday	- Men's Bible Study/Elijay, 9 AM, Mike's Restaurant - Ladies Bible Study, 12:15
Wednesday	- Food Pantry, 10 AM-12:30 PM - Choir rehearsal, 6 PM
Thursday	- Quilters, 10 AM - Co-ed Bible Study, 2 PM - Calendar meeting, 4:30 PM - Congregation Council, 5:30 PM
Friday	- Ye Olde Funsters, meet at the church, 11 AM

Next Week's Scripture Readings Are...

First Lesson – Acts 2:1-21
Psalm – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Epistle – Romans 8:22-27
Gospel – John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Next Week's Worship Assistants Are...

8:15 **Lector** - Wayne Buehler
10:45 **Lector** - Wanda Dodge
Greeters - Frank & Suzie Quido
Ushers - Steven & Amy Freese
Communion Asst - Barbara Fail
Counters - Mike Hoover & Eileen Ashley
Fellowship – Lunch-In

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Mother's Day!

Warm wishes of love and appreciation go out to all the women of Hope today on this Mother's Day! A fresh carnation is waiting for you at the door!

VBS in June

After several years of no VBS, Hope Church is scheduling an inter-generational VBS for three nights in early June. It'll be a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening schedule starting at 6:00 PM in Founders Hall. There'll be crafts, music and bible classes for all ages! Dinner starts at 6:00 PM.

The dates haven't been pinned down just yet – but we'll have them by early next week for everybody.

The sessions will be called **Camp Firelight**. It'll be fun for all ages! Plan to be with us!

Dumpster/ Spring Clean-Up

A 30-foot dumpster will be dropped off at Hope tomorrow, Monday, May 13th and we'll have it for two weeks. Different ministry groups at the church have been alerted to begin sorting out their junk from their treasures so we can begin uncluttering our church home.

When that's done? We'll put down flooring in several classrooms, along with the knitters and the quilters rooms downstairs.

Old Hymnals to Take Home

As part of our clean-out process we have found several extra boxes of old hymnals we will not be needing at the church. For the next few weeks – until the dumpster leaves– these extra hymnals will be available for you to take home. The books available are *Lutheran Book of Worship* (the green book) and *With One Voice* (the blue book). They will be in the narthex.

Lunch-In Next Sunday

We will have a Lunch-In next Sunday, May 19th. The theme will be Italian! The church will provide the entrée (lasagna), garlic bread and beverages. You're asked to help round out the groaning table with salads, vegetable dishes, other casseroles, desserts – and of course – Italian jalapeno poppers!

We'll take up a freewill offering to help with our youth camp scholarship fund. Please join us for a delicious time of fellowship!

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