



Welcome to Hope

SUNDAYS

8:00 & 10:30AM—Worship
9:15AM—Family Bible Hour
10:30AM—Live-Stream
4:00PM—Spanish Worship w/Communion

WEDNESDAYS

6:30PM—Living Hope Worship

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“Anchored in Christ, Empowered by the Spirit, Connecting People to Jesus”

We are glad you are taking the time to worship our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us this weekend! We pray God's blessings on your worship and time spent among us at Hope Lutheran Church! We ask you to please take the time to fill in the Friendship pad (be sure to give us your name and address) and feel free to indicate any prayer concerns on the reverse side of the pad. We are a “Family-Friendly Church” and encourage the participation of children in our worship. However, we realize there are times when children can become disruptive to other worshippers, and for that reason there is a cry room located in the back of the church for your use. Children's worship bags are available in the narthex for your use during the service (see an usher or elder). Please return the bag following the service to the “Worship Bag Tree.” We encourage you to join us for any and all activities at Hope in the week ahead!

IMPORTANT NOTES: *for the sanctity of our worship and the benefit of those around you, please refrain from excessive talking in the narthex and sanctuary, and turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. Please time entrances and exits during congregational singing to minimize distraction to our worshipping community. Following our worship, please make every effort to leave God's House just as you found it. Please do not bring coffee, cans of soda or bottled water into the sanctuary for your use before or even during the service. Also, please be sure to remove any “used” tissues from the pews or hymnal racks. Your help in keeping God's house neat and clean will most certainly be appreciated! Thank you!*

Hope: Anchored in Christ



Please turn off or silence your cell phone and NO food or drinks in the Sanctuary.

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Activities This Week at Hope:

Sunday 4/18	8:00 & 10:30	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	11:45	Youth Bible Study
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Monday 4/19	9:00	Quilting
	5:30	Bell Choir
Tuesday 4/20	6:30	Forged Men's Group
	6:30	GriefShare
Wednesday 4/21	6:30	Living Hope Worship w/Communion
	7:15	Spanish Kids ZOOM
	8:00	Spanish ZOOM Prayer & Bible Study
Saturday 4/24	5:15	Praise Team
Sunday 4/25	8:00 & 10:30	Worship
	9:15	Family Bible Hour
	11:45	Youth Bible Study
	4:00	Spanish Worship w/Communion

Worship Attendance / Communion:

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Worship: 8:00: 38 10:30: 49

Spanish Worship: 4:00: 14/13

Total Offerings (General & BHFTF): \$12,664.31

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

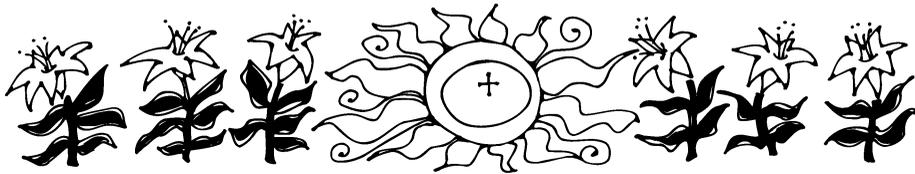
Worship: 6:30: 17

Stewardship Perspective:

1 John 3:2 – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” The essence of our sanctification is becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. In the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

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Third Sunday Of Easter

April 18, 2021

AS WE GATHER

“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?” (Luke 24:38). These are questions our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in another resurrection appearance after that first Easter morning. They are questions that could also be asked of us numerous times in our daily lives as we face trouble and doubts. Yet as Jesus kept on appearing, He kept on showing them Himself, and more than that, He continued to teach and remind them that all that was written was fulfilled in and through Him. Though we cannot physically touch His hands and side, each time we gather, Jesus continues to speak to us, affirming His work, the Word fulfilled, and the worth of humanity for whom He came. Amid troubles and doubts, through Christ, we can “see what kind of love the Father has given to us” (1 John 3:1).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

“Mfurahini Haleluya”

sett’g: Lynn L. Petersen

The sanctuary is a place of meditation and preparation for worship. Therefore, as the prelude begins, we cease our conversations and quiet our hearts to converse silently with God.

OPENING HYMN

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

LSB 466



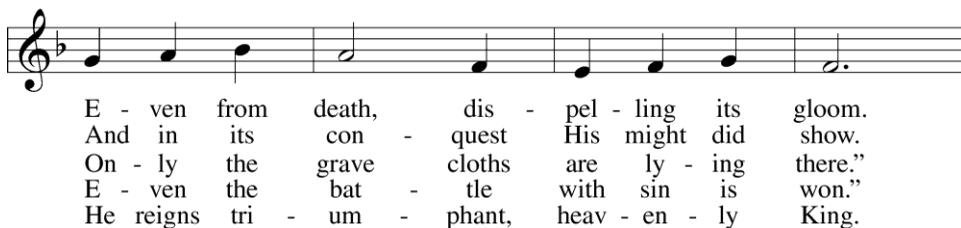
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear!
4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

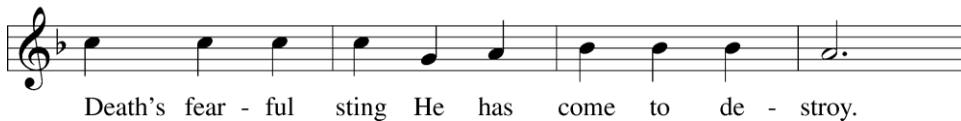


E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

C: **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

P: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

C: **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

P: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

C: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

P: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

C: Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.

P: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You've shown. (*Silence for reflection.*) Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

C: we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

C: and give thanks to His holy name.

P: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

C: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Jesus Loves Me"

LSB 588



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O almighty and eternal God,

C: **You have assured us of the completion of our forgiveness and new life in You through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.**

P: You call us Your children through the waters of Baptism and give us eyes to see Your love for us in Your only-begotten Son.

C: **Give us the will to show forth in our lives the faith we profess with our lips;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

C: **now and forever. Amen.**



FIRST READING

Acts 3:11-21

(Peter preaches salvation through Christ.)

¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would

suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-7

(We are God's children now.)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

"Alleluia — II"

LSB 952

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

(Amid disciples' doubts, the resurrected Christ affirms the fulfillment of God's Word.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: *(Sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord!**

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed

them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!
 C: (Sung) **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow" LSB 476



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'
 2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us
 3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing
 4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through
 5 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



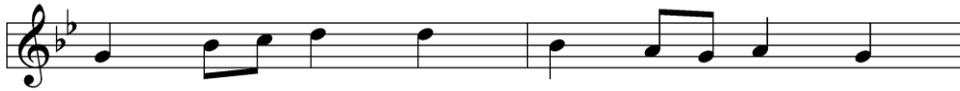
bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,
 stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om
 of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor
 life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,
 hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion
 Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You
 As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;
 At the ta - ble still You feed us,
 Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!
 Host us as our ris - en Lord!
 Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

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SERMON

*“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, 1 John 3:1
 that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”
 Rev. Ron Pennekamp*

EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, Who sent His Son as my Savior to rise on Easter morning.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate and died on Good Friday, rose again on Easter morning to free me from the curse of sin, the sting of death and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Easter. And by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to be steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of my resurrected Lord. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, help me to grasp that all the blessings I think I have are really Yours. Help me to grasp that all the blessings our church has do not belong to the church, but to You. Give us healthy giving hearts to use these blessings according to Your purpose. In Your name I pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Our tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the gospel. Our offerings are our special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husband and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders, especially *Joseph*, our president, and *Ron*, our governor. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Father, as Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst especially *Bud Hendershot*, *Roger Huset*, *Cindy Kemp*, and *Dennis Walkenhorst*. Comfort also those who mourn with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Son's crucifixion all sins have been blotted out. Send us now the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar, and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.



PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right...praising you and singing.

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

(tune: LSB 457)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Alleluia! God of power, might, and sword, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven both abound, Alleluia! With Your glory and renown. Alleluia!**

**So we shout hosannas high. Alleluia! Blest is He who now draws nigh. Alleluia!
For He comes in God's own name, Alleluia! To undo our guilt and shame. Alleluia!**

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We listen again to the very words spoken by Jesus Christ in the upper room, "take and eat, this is my body... take and drink, this is my blood". We prepare to receive what Jesus has promised to share with us, His very presence. As we eat this bread and drink this wine, Christ nourishes us, forgives us and strengthens us with His presence.

P: The peace of the Lord † be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

"Christ, Lamb of God, You Take Away"

(tune: LSB 465)

**Christ, Lamb of God, You take away The sins of all this Easter Day.
Lord, have mercy! Alleluia! Grant peace to all who hear Your Word
That they may praise You, risen Lord. Lord, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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(The congregation may be seated.)

COMMUNION STATEMENT

If you desire to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please remember that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is available to those who: ¹Are baptized AND instructed in the Christian faith; ²Examine themselves in a manner appropriate to adult maturity and recognize their own need for forgiveness; ³Believe that the Crucified and Risen Lord is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine; ⁴Believe that in this sacrament God gives us forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith; ⁵Accept their place of responsibility in the whole church on earth. If this is your sincere belief, then joyfully share this sacrament with us. If this is not your belief, please remain seated for a time of prayer on the many blessings God has given you. If you have any questions, please see a pastor or an elder. Please remember the words of St. Paul, "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Cor. 11:29) For those with dietary restrictions, a light-colored grape juice is also served in the center of the tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Our COVID-19 procedure for today: ¹We will commune the pulpit side, then the lectern side; ²Be sure to use the hand sanitizer before you exit your pew to come forward; ³Keep your mask ON until you approach the altar, and at that time, you may lower your mask to receive the Sacrament. Please return your mask to its "normal position" as you return to your seats.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(tune: LSB 474)

**Lord God above, Now let Your servant Go from here with the assurance of sight.
My eyes have seen Jesus, my Savior, Glory of Israel; for nations, Light.
Praise we the Father, the Spirit and Son, Now and forever! Alleluia!**

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CLOSING PRAYER

God, reignite the hearts of us all to have a passion for the Gospel. Teach our church to share the Gospel with others. Teach us to live as those who are true bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. Remind us of our purpose. Convict us of our purpose. Empower us to live our purpose. In Jesus name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

P: He is risen! Alleluia!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

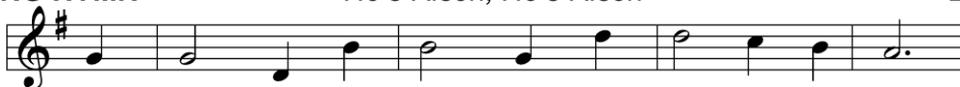
P: We are now entering the mission field!

C: **Here am I! Send me!**

CLOSING HYMN

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

LSB 480



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 △ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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POSTLUDE

"Walther"

sett'g: Kenneth T. Kosche

Connecting Points

TODAY: we continue to celebrate the "Resurrection of our Lord." The Season of Easter lasts for **7 Sundays and culminates with the Festival of Pentecost (50 days after Easter)**. During



the Easter season, the Pascal Candle is lit to remind us of our Lord's physical presence on earth following His resurrection until His ascension to the right hand of God the Father. During this season, we "resurrect" our "Alleluias" which have been buried since the beginning of Lent. The color of the season is *WHITE*~ the color of purity and completeness as we rejoice in the Lord and what he has done for us through His suffering, death and resurrection.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: to our Music Director *Christine Mansell* who **TODAY** celebrates her birthday! *Happy, happy birthday, Christine!*

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR IS BACK!: Yes, as the COVID numbers locally and nationally have been



on the decline, we are resuming Family Bible Hour for all ages. **HOWEVER**, be advised that as the pandemic is still a reality in our society the following will be in effect: masks **MUST** be worn, and social distancing will be in effect (no more than 4 per table). This also means that Pastor's **Sunday evening ZOOM** class no longer meets.



REMINDER: that all ALL announcements for our worship bulletins **MUST** be received by **NOON, TUESDAYS** to be included. Verbal announcements must be requested by **Wednesday, Noon**. Thanks in advance for your assistance!

IF YOU ARE UNABLE: to complete the weekly surveys (at hopeplantcity.com) for worship attendance, **PLEASE** contact *Jessica* in the church office **BY NOON, THURSDAY** so that we can work to insure proper social distancing during worship. We also ask for the health & safety of all gathered together here, that everyone please **WEAR YOUR MASK** while on campus.



DID YA EVER DREAM: of going to see *the Passion Play in Oberammergau Germany*? As you may realize, due to COVID-19, the 2020 presentation of the Passion Play was postponed



to 2022. This play has occurred every 10 years since 1634. Have you ever dreamed of a Danube River cruise? *Pastor & Liz Pfeffer* will be hosting this amazing trip in **September, 2022** joining many other LCMS Lutherans for this trip of a lifetime. *Former LCMS President, Jerry Kieschnick* will serve as the Bible Study leader for our time together. See *Pastor or Liz* if you are interested in joining them on this inspirational and relaxing adventure!

GRIEFSHARE: New sessions (13 weeks) begin **this Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30PM** in the *Stephen Ministry Classroom*. Call the church office (813-752-4622) for more information.

UNITED FOOD BANK: has a barrel in our narthex for you to donate some much-needed non-perishable food items (peanut butter, jelly, mac-n-cheese, tuna, canned fruit, dry cereal, etc.). Our Food Bank provides breakfast & lunch for all children in our area when school is not in session as well as a backpack program for those children who would otherwise go hungry Friday evening—Monday morning. Thanks in advance for your Spirit motivated giving and support! Many thanks to all who have provided much needed groceries!



SPECIAL THANKS: to *Dave Booher* who gave our Circuit Pastors a special sneak peek of our new sanctuary following their worship service **this past Monday morning**. Thanks also to *Mike McMinn and Barbara Ahlers* who joined *Christine* providing music for worship, and *Jesilynn Pfeffer* was their discussion leader as she shared the work of Pace Academy for Girls.



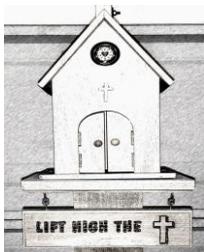
MISSION SUPPORT: At the **April** Board of Directors meeting, it was decided to provide the following support in our community using proceeds from this year's Strawberry Festival: *United Food Bank of Plant City (Children's Nutrition Program): \$1,000; Meals on Wheels: \$250.00; and Care & Comfort Fund of Concordia University, Bronxville, NY (established by our LCMS East Coast Districts to assist teachers and staff as Concordia closes its doors in May): \$250.00.*



THANK YOU, BAKERS!: We exceeded our goal and delivered 100 dozen homemade baked goods to military hospitality for the Sun n' Fun airshow **this week**. They are sincerely grateful! Congratulations on a job well done!



Building Hope for the Future: Impact Phase April 2021



We continue to Lift High the Cross as our March contributions have increased our total to \$518,341, or 76.7% of our commitments goal of \$675,501. Praise and thanks be to God, and thanks to all of you who generously contribute to Building Hope. Remember last Easter when we could not celebrate Easter in God's House and we made signs and hung them on our front doors? Well, this Easter, we are blessed to worship at Hope with some limitations on our capacity. But next year, we will be able to welcome MANY MORE to join us in our new sanctuary! How exciting! Please keep Building Hope in your prayers and plans.

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR SUNDAYS 9:15AM

PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5

SIMPLY LOVED: Join us as we explore the Old and New Testaments. We will journey chronologically through the Bible and discover friendships with Jesus throughout God's story. Simply Loved is designed to help kids remember each lesson with activities, songs, and special Bible Memory Buddies.

Leaders: Stacey Greatens, Tracy MacDonald, Ellen Whitehurst

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

THE CASE FOR CHRIST: What evidence is there for Jesus outside of the Bible? If God is such a good God, why is there so much suffering and evil and chaos in the world? Let's dig into these tough questions and more—and learn how to defend our faith.

Leaders: Youth Ministry Team

ADULTS

ENDURING FAITH: As we progress through this program, we learn in depth about our Savior, Jesus Christ, what our Savior means to us, how to defend our faith, and how to teach the faith to others. Lessons spiral going deeper each time we re-encounter a Bible passage.

Leader: Pastor Pfeffer

RESUMES *IN-PERSON* TUESDAY 4/20 @ 6:30PM



Contact Jim Carnicelli to join

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

SHUT-INS:

Jim Baldwin
Diane Bates
Betty Christiansen

Putt & Sue Crouse
Bonnie Genrich
Ray & Rita Gonzalez

Liz Miller
Millie Wetz

LEADERS:

Rev. Dean & Liz Pfeiffer
LCMS Synod & District
Hope Staff & Ministries

Pres. Joseph Biden
Our Nation & World
Our Armed Forces
Our 1st Responders

Family and Friends of Hope

NEW REQUESTS:

Margret friend of Janet Reitzel—health concerns

CURRENT REQUESTS:

Judy Baamonde & family	former Hope teacher—mourning death of husband Joe
Kayra Cannell	niece of Alan & Sue Griffin—rare form of lupus
Putt & Sue Crouse	mourning death of Putt's twin brother
Bud Hendershot	recovering from surgery
Roger Huset	recovering from full shoulder replacement; physical therapy
Kelly family	mourning death of Roxanne's grandmother
Cindy Kemp	health concerns
Tim Matthews	recovering; health concerns
Jamie Simpson	friend of Becky Hartmann—COVID
Dennis Walkenhorst	recovering from surgery
President Greg Walton & family	mourning death of his father

BATTLING CANCER:

Austin Dobbs	D	Jerry Gross	Pat Mason	Betty Snaper
Tom Battling	Debbie	JoAnne Hayashi	Jennifer McCourt	Judy Strait
Laura Blake	Derek	Burt Hermann	Faye Mueller	Jeannie Lee Taylor
Bob Broshelle	Ginnie Donaldson	Barry Himmel	Ovie	Virginia
Dave Cannell	Jace Driggers	Dale Jarvis	Lynn Reagin	Rick Ward
Mary Clapp	Kori Dunke	Gordon Long	Fran Saitta	Mr. Wells
Alice Correia	Marcus Elam	Jean Marie Mactye	Becky Schlicher	Millie Wetz
Valde Cruz	Tim Griffie	Pat Mailloux	Mary Scott	Heather Whitehurst
		Mari	Abbey Sedlacek	

Serving in the Military (R—Reserves)

Alex Almaguer	Stephanie Enloe—R	Aaron Morley	Derek Quackenbush
Jacob Bertsch	Joshua Gross	Tyler Newkirk	Justin Rappa
Stephen Daniell—R	Brandon Hastings	Stephen Olliff—R	Ryan Sonnenberg
Lorrie Daniell—R	Brad Landis	Blake Paton—R	Caleb Strand
	Bobby Martin	Donnie Pittman	Mike Szostkiewicz—R

Please email your prayer requests to hopePCprays@gmail.com.

Due to space limitation, prayer requests can only be listed for four weeks.



"Think of us in this way as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries."

1Corinthians 4:1

SERVING OUR LORD THIS SUNDAY (4/18/2021) ARE:

Lector	8:00/Cindy McClure; 10:30/Cathie Warner
Elder on Duty	8:00/Tom Reagin; 10:30/Todd Warner
Communion Assistant	8:00/Tom Reagin; 10:30/Todd Warner
Flowers	Szostkiewicz & T. Warner families
Offerings	Wendell & Pam Lattz
Ushers	Team 1

8:00/Wayne Warner,* David Booher, David Niver, Jeff Reaume;
10:30/Todd Warner,* Mack Goethe, Billy Mueller; Dora Mueller; Jim Szostkiewicz

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
By Jim & Sue Szostkiewicz in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary
and
Todd & Cathie Warner in memory of Joyce Warner's birthday*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEDNESDAY (4/21/2021) ARE:

Lector	6:30/Barbara Ahlers
Elder on Duty	6:30/Todd Warner
Communion Assistant	6:30/Todd Warner
Ushers	Team 1

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY (4/25/2021) ARE:

Lector	8:00/Gloria Warner; 10:30/Loretta Scott
Elder on Duty	8:00/Lonnie Bertsch; 10:30/Nick Trivunovich
Flowers	Howell family
Offerings	Alison Reaume & Cathie Warner
Ushers	Team 2

8:00/Tom Whitehurst,* Carl Bergner, Harold Hastings, Jeff McClure;
10:30/Nick Trivunovich,* Alex Drapp, Jim Drapp, Ken Hartmann