

Lutheran Church of Hope

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Drawn together by God, celebrating Grace, serving all

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Welcome to Worship!

We are glad you are here. May you feel the presence of God with you and in this community as we sing, pray, hear the Word and share in God's communion.

If you would like to share with us your name and connect with us in other ways, there is a visitor card at the back of this bulletin that may be filled out and placed in the offering plate.

Here's some things it may be helpful to know:

Most of what you need to follow the service is in this bulletin. "ELW" refers to the red hymnal at your seat. If a song is not in the bulletin, it will be in that book.

Our "Pray & Play" area is for our children! We are so glad they are here and rejoice that God gives us many ways to worship, learn and pray. We love their giggles and squirms. Children's coloring pages are available for them. There are books and bibles available for all ages, and kids are encouraged to participate and help with every and any aspect of the service - including reading Scripture and helping with communion! There is also a "Wiggle Room" towards the back of the sanctuary if you need a separate space for your little one where you can still hear the service.



This Sunday

Next Sunday

Communion Preparation

Carolyn Clendaniel

Jan Dodds

Fellowship

NEEDED

Phyllis Rude

Technical Support

Megan Bladow

Don Bladow

Altar Flowers

Courtice Family

WELCOME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
Halehuya! Pelo tsa rona

ELW 535

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

End

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE—1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the book of 1 John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

Chris Terry

SCRIPTURE — Luke 24:36b-48

The Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost 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. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

TFF 98

Open Our Eyes, Lord



O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see
Je - sus, to reach out and touch
him, and say that we love him.
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,
Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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Music: Robert Cull, b. 1949
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

On the back of this bulletin you will find a tear-off sheet for you to fill out your information if you are visiting, or if you would like to submit a prayer request. All prayers are private unless you indicate otherwise. Please place the sheet in the offering.

OFFERTORY

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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The image shows a musical score for the offertory 'Be Not Afraid'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!'. The music is in a major key with a common time signature. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

EUCHARIST PRAYER

O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.
When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation,
David fought Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for healing,
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
Amen.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 469

By Your Hand You Feed Your People



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Touch That Soothes and Heals

See My Hands and Feet

1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and last. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain

“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

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BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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DISMISSAL

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



**I LOVE TO
TELL THE
STORY**

APRIL 7-MAY 12

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welcome

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I am a...

- First Time Visitor
- Regular Visitor
- Church Member
- In Need of Prayer

I would like to...

- receive the Weekly News email
- receive the monthly Newsletter
- learn how to get involved
- receive a call from Pastor Liz



PRAYER REQUEST

Please place this tab in the offering plate.

I would like a call from
Pastor Liz
April 14, 2024

CALENDAR

*Lutheran Church of Hope events are in **bold***

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:30 AM—Bible Study**
- 10 AM—Worship with Holy Communion**
- 2 PM—Christian Worship Center
- 4:30 PM—Confirmation Class at Central Lutheran Church**

MONDAY, APRIL 15 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

- 6 PM—Sit Stay Play AK

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

- 4:30 PM—Mobile Food Pantry
- 7 PM—Plus 24 AA
- 7 PM—Shoulder to Shoulder Al Anon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 *Office Hours 1-5 PM*

- 6 PM—Church Council Meeting**
- 6:30 PM—Overeaters Anonymous

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

- 6 PM—Sit Stay Play AK

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- 12 PM—United Church of God
- 5 PM—Christian Worship Center

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- 8:30 AM—Bible Study**
- 10 AM—Worship With Holy Communion**
- 2 PM—Christian Worship Center
- 4:30 PM—Confirmation Class at Central Lutheran Church**
- 8:30 PM—United Church of God