

Welcome to

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church

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By the love of Christ,
our vision is to work together,
reaching out to all people,
through the Gospel,
in our various activities and events.
As we encourage each other to worship
and grow in God's Word,
we will be a Christian influence
in our community.

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

Preacher: Rev. Ken Bernthal

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We welcome all who gather here today! We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Children: Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping "squirmy" kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

<u>Pew Cards: Guests and Members, please fill out the Guest/Member card located on the back of the pew in front of you and pass it to the end of the aisle. If you forget you can put it in the offering plate on your way out.</u>

If standing is difficult: Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

About our celebration of Holy Communion: We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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GREETING

- P Peace be with you.
- C And also with you.

+ORDER OF SERVICE+

(The Liturgy is from Divine Service Setting Four LSB pg. 203ff)

Hymn of Invocation

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Exhoration

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Prayer of Forgiveness

- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b

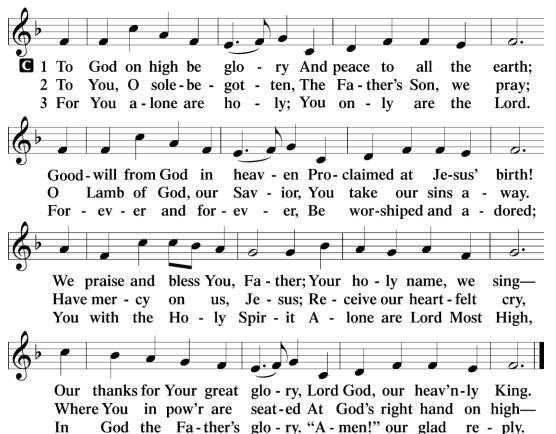
- P I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;*
- C the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- P The LORD is my strength and my song,*
- C and he has become my salvation.
- P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,*
- C your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- P You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;*
- C you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- P You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,*
- C the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
- P the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.*
- C The LORD will reign forever and ever.
- A 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 I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;*
- C the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Kyrie LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading Acts 10:34–43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM Above All

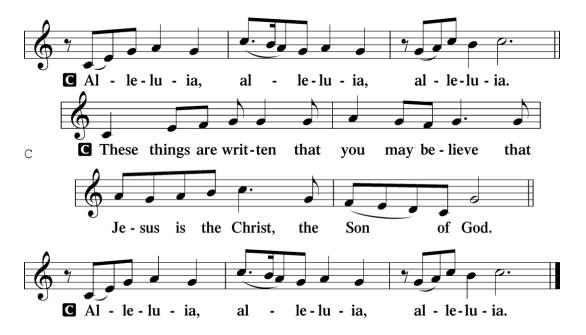
Epistle Colossians 3:1–4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel John 20:1–10

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Resurrection

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

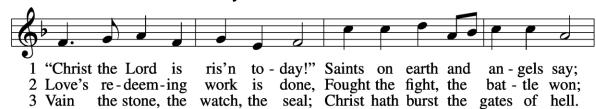
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



4 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Lo! Our Sun's e-clipse is Йe o'er: Lo! sets in blood no more. Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Once He died our souls to Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? save;

- Soar we now where Christ has led;Foll'wing our exalted Head.Made like Him, like Him we rise;Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each Segment:

- P Lord, in Your Mercy,
- C Hear our Prayer.

After Prayers:

- P In Your Name We Pray.
- C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- 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, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and Singing:

Sanctus LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

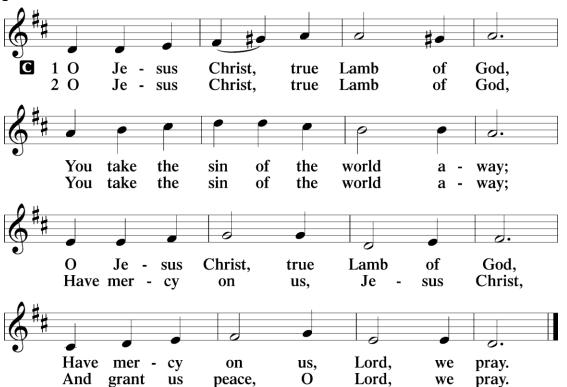
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

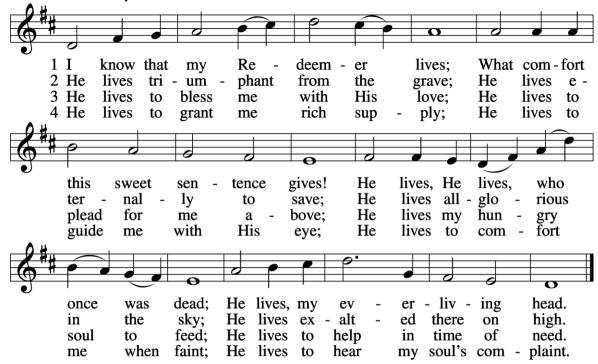
Agnus Dei LSB 210



Sit

Distribution

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



- He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Distribution Hymn

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



Nunc Dimittis LSB 211



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

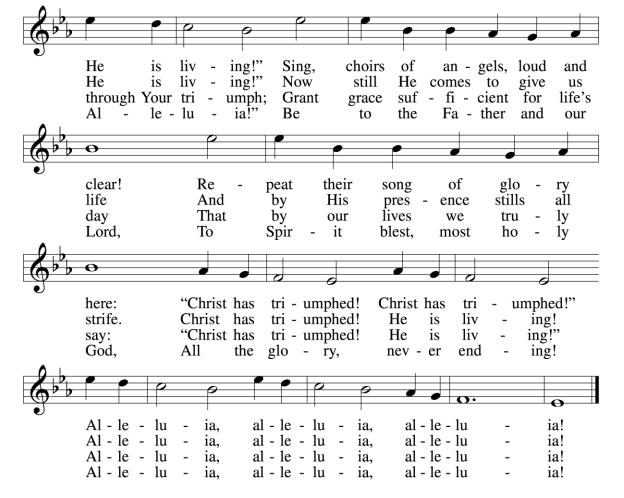
Benediction

- 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.

Closing Hymn

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds





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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Reading Acts 5:29-42 Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9 Holy Gospel: John 20:19-33



Reminder about inclement weather and church functions: Our policy for bad weather cancellations has been to cancel morning Bible studies, etc. when local schools close. Evening meetings and events will probably continue, as long as road crews are out and a storm is not intensifying. Sunday services, as well as Advent and Lent midweek services, are seldom cancelled. However, do not attempt to drive if your local conditions are poor and you are uncomfortable driving in the weather!

SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal

Elder: Jack Owens

Ushers: Greeters: Coffee: Counters:

Altar Care: Dee Musselman

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study:

PRAYERS

Please contact the office with updates to the prayer list. People will remain on the prayer list for <u>4 weeks</u> before being removed. If they need to remain on the list, please keep Lynn informed and of any updates. This will help us to have a more accurate list. Thanks for your cooperation.

Those who continue to grieve the passing of loved ones: *Members: Friends:* Ethel Stevenson, Evelyn Albright, Bill Burrick

Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures: *Members: Friends:* Chris Flores **Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures:** *Members:* Pete Albright, Bill Woodman *Friends:*

Those with health concerns: Members: Alyssa Wohn, Bill Richmond, Ruth

Stocker Friends: Mother of Lakos Family, Reggie Riehl. Karen Sperry, Patrick Gray

Those diagnosed with Cancer: Members: Dave Lauria, Lynn Richmond, Paul Smith, Barb

Mauro Friends: Don Kernstock

We celebrate the following: *Members:* Caroline Belt--healthy baby boy *Friends:* Sara Mendoza--healthy triplets

In Military Service: *Members: Friends:* Christopher Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky, Darin Nicholas, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak, Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Trevor Clough, Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster, Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

BIRTHDAYS:

ANNIVERSARIES;

Egon Lund~10th Mike & Joyce Kalicki~12th

Caroline Belt~14th

MESSAGES

MEMBER & GUEST CARDS: If you have not filled out a member/guest card, please take the time to fill one out and place it in the plate behind the back pews in our sanctuary.

CANCELLED THIS WEEK!! TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, the Tuesday morning Bible Study with Pastor Schneider meets from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

THANK YOU to the musicians for their contribution to the service

If you have a 7th-12th grade student (or know of one) who is interested in the **occupation of serving the church**, please contact Pastor Paul for educational opportunities.

If anyone is interested in <u>ushering</u>, <u>greeting or doing coffee hour</u>, please contact Pastor Paul. He will provide the information and training you need.

NOISY OFFERING: Noisy Offering for April, May and June will go to the Crawford County Christmas Program.

DATABASE MEMBER CHECK AND UPDATE On the Sundays of May 7th and 21st, there will be two tables in the narthex and fellowship hall where people can check all of their information that we use to communicate with you (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.) Please take a look and make any changes please!

PHOTOS FOR DIRECTORY: Just as we took pictures on March 26th, we will continue with pictures on Sunday, April 16th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: will reconvene Tuesday, April 11th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will continue the following Tuesdays of April (4/18 and 4/25).

YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY for April will be held on Sunday's, 4/16 and 4/30 at 9:30 a.m.

<u>POTLUCK:</u> will be held April 16th, right after services. Always lots of food and conversation! Hope to see you there!

FAMILY NIGHT: for April will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the 10th. Bring a friend(s) for games, fun and pizza!

FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS: The Family Receipts are no longer being collected due to the program being cancelled.

<u>VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!:</u> Adopt-A-Highway starts again for 2023. The first pick up will be Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 A.M. We will meet at the church. In case of rain, we will meet right after church service on the following day, the 30th.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

April 9 Sunday

10:20am Choir Practice

11am Easter Worship Service w/Noisy Offering

April 10 Monday

5pm Family Night w/ Pizza

April 11 Tuesday

9:30 am Bible Study (Cancelled this Tuesday, Pastor is slacking!)

10:30am LWML Quilting 1pm Ladies Bible Study

6:30pm-8pm Cub Scouts

April 12 Wednesday

April 13 Thursday

10:30am Elders Meeting

April 14 Friday
April 15 Saturday
April 16 Sunday

9:30am Young Adult/Youth Bible Study

10:20am Choir Practice

11am Worship Service w/Communion

Potluck

Photos Taken for Directory

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