



Third Sunday of Easter

April 22 and 23, 2023



**Be at rest once more, O my soul,
for the Lord has been good to you.**

Psalm 116:7

Worship Information

Welcome to worship at Living Hope Lutheran Church.

If your child becomes restless while sitting with you during the service, we have a room to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Ask an usher if you need assistance.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP FOCUS

Imagine someone you love is near death. Their only hope of survival is a risky brain surgery, one so complicated only one surgeon in the state will attempt it. But as that doctor drives to the hospital, he is killed in a car accident. Any hope you had for your loved one's salvation died along with that surgeon.

That is how Jesus' disciples felt after his death. Their hope for a better life died along with Jesus. They had let their personal wants and expectations cloud their view of Scripture which said that the Messiah's death and resurrection were actually the source of all hope! So, the living Lord appeared to his disciples. He opened their minds to the truth of God's Word. And in doing so, he restored their hope.

OPENING HYMN

521 vs. 1-4 | *Christ the Eternal Lord*

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The words of the invocation are the words used in Baptism. They intentionally remind us that our relationship with God is secure because of his grace.



Jesus authorized us to speak these words of forgiveness on his behalf. Hear them as Jesus speaking to you!



Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.



Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. “Glory to God in the Highest” has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

LORD, HAVE MERCY –Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

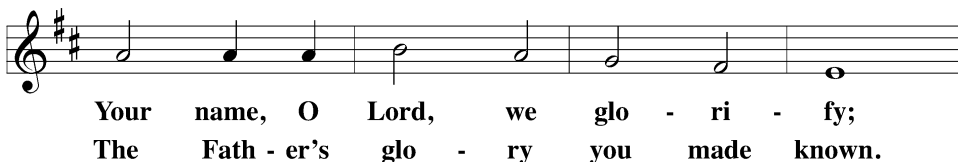
M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD



We praise you for your peace and grace,
We by your Spirit sing again:
Your favor toward our fallen race.
"All glory be to God!" Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

This prayer was written in about A.D. 750 and has been used in worship on the 3rd Sunday in Easter for a very long time.



*The message of
Christ crucified
and Christ risen
gives the certain
hope of
forgiveness to
sinners.*

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14, 32-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

" 'The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet." ' "

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-21

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



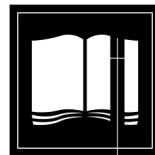
Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

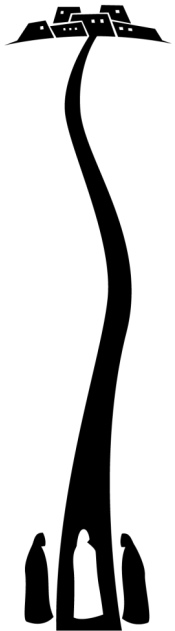


*Our hope is to
one day join our
Savior in the
glory of heaven.
Until that day,
we live in this
world as
strangers who
are focused on
going to our true
home.*

*This is Romans
10:17 set to
music.*



*For two disciples,
Jesus explained
that all the
Scriptures
showed that the
Christ had to die
and rise. Jesus
restored their
hope.*



GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13–35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

469 | *Welcome, Happy Morning*

SERMON

1 Peter 1:17-21

Live Your Lives as Foreigners Here!



*Public confession
is faith's
response to
God's saving
Word. Christians
composed the
Nicene Creed in
the fourth
century to
defend the
Bible's teachings
that both Jesus
Christ and the
Holy Spirit are
true God, equal
to the Father in
one eternal,
undivided
Trinity.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

Spoken by the Minister.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Spoken by the Minister.

PLEASE STAND

THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



This section of the liturgy is one of the most ancient parts of the liturgy of the Christian Church.

The second response is called the "Sursum Corda" ("Lift up your hearts" in Latin). It comes from Lamentations 3:41 and Psalm 86:4. The final response is one of thanksgiving.



In Isaiah 6 we read that angelic choirs sing “Holy, Holy, Holy” to God in heaven. They do this to worship the perfect and holy God. While we do not see him with our eyes, in the Lord’s Supper, God is present as we receive Jesus’ body and blood. It is most fitting for us to praise the God who has saved us, using this heavenly song.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow’r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

night, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God’s name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil’s power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

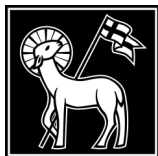
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.



This ancient song text is based on John the Baptist's proclamation that Jesus is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The simple words remind us of the heavenly blessing we receive in the Lord's Supper.

LAMB OF GOD - *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

PLEASE BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is an expression of spiritual unity. Therefore, we practice "close communion" at Living Hope. If you are a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to take the Lord's Supper with us; if you are not, please speak to one of our pastors after the service so that he can explain our practice in more detail.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

512 | *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

824 | *This the Threefold Truth*

PLEASE STAND

COMMUNION BLESSING

Spoken by the Minister

SONG OF SIMEON

I O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
car-nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!

CLOSING PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

To Your Temple I Draw Near (printed below)

**To your temple I draw near;
Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are sacrament and Word;
Here believers meet their Lord.**

**I through Christ am reconciled;
I through Christ become your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In your courts to seek your face.**

**From your house, when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."**





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SERVING THIS WEEKEND

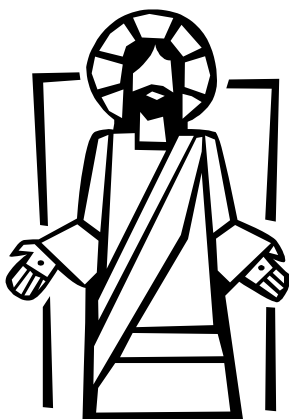
Preacher	Pastor Thomas W. Kneser
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8:00am Ushers	R. Pufahl, J. Wendorf, J. Wendorf, E. Wendorf, N. Chudada
10:30am Ushers	J. Sierszyn, M. Formella, C. Horvat, J. Horvat, B. Horvat



When teaching on 1 Corinthians 15, Martin Luther said:

So you see that everything depends on our retaining a firm hold on this article (the resurrection of Jesus) in particular; for if this one totters and no longer counts, all the others will lose their value and validity. For everything has been done: Christ has come and has established his kingdom in the world for the sake of the resurrection and the life to come. If, then, the article that is the foundation, cause, and end of all articles of faith is overthrown and taken away, all the rest must fall and go down with it. Therefore it is certainly necessary diligently to stress and confirm this article. . . . Thus we honorably carry the dead to the grave, follow the corpse, sing and pray as a testimony and indication of our faith that these very dead, and we together with them, will rise on Judgement Day and that the bodies will not be different bodies, although they will be constituted differently and transfigured.

What Luther Says, p. 1215



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