



Sunday, April 21, 2024
Good Shepherd Sunday
Hope Lutheran Church, Plainwell
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Seven
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Hope's Mission Statement: We, Hope Lutheran Church, are CALLED by God,
REDEEMED by Jesus Christ, SPROUTING from
the seed of God's Word, and BRANCHING out to reach God's people...

*Please stand as you are comfortable
Congregational responses are in bold text
‡ invites you to make the sign of the cross.

*Please silence your phone, pager, or other electronic device for worship.
Children's worship bags are available in the nursery.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PASTORAL WELCOME

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (pg. 94)**

***GATHERING HYMN:** At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing verses 1-4 ELW
#362

***GREETING**

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.

***GLORIA (p. 176)**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Psalms are read responsively whole verse by whole verse.

The Lord | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side
still waters.**

You restore my | soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways | for your
name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my
head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I
will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 179)**

***GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** Have No Fear, Little Flock ELW #764

***NICENE CREED** (*p. 104*)

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

If you have a prayer request that you would like added to our weekly worship prayers please contact Pr. Nicole. If we will be praying for an individual or family please make sure you have their permission to have them listed.

*Please respond to God of grace with... **Hear our prayer.***

SPECIAL MUSIC

***PEACE**

HOLY COMMUNION

Please quietly return to your seat when the offering hymn plays so we can prepare for Holy Communion.

***OFFERING HYMN** Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *ELW #184*

Thank you for your support of Hope and our missions! Checks and cash can be placed on the offering plate located outside the sanctuary doors. You can also give instantly and securely through online giving using the QR code below.



***OFFERING PRAYER**

At the conclusion of the prayer... Amen.

***DIALOGUE** (*p. 152*)

***SANCTUS** (*p. 181*)

***LORD'S PRAYER** (*p. 182*)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

During Communion individual cups of wine & grape juice are available. The wine is red & the grape juice is white. There is also a common cup of wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you are not yet baptized, or do not feel prepared to receive Communion, you are invited to participate by coming forward to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD (p. 182)

COMMUNION HYMN Shepherd Me, O God ELW #780

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

At the conclusion of the prayer... Amen.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN** The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW #502

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***DISMISSAL**

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

Please place your hymnals on your chair before leaving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you to everyone who helped with Hope's soup supper! We raised over \$1,700 for Christian Neighbors!
- Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Hope on Sunday, May 5th after worship. For a free will donation you can enjoy a build your own taco bar and

other goodies. All proceeds will go to kitchen renovations. For more information or if you have any questions please see Pr. Nicole.

- Time for Baseball! Immanuel Lutheran has invited us to join them for a White Caps baseball game on Saturday, August 24th. The game begins at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$16 each. Your ticket money is due by Saturday, July 14th. Please make checks out to Hope Lutheran with White Caps Game in the memo line. If you have any questions please see Pr. Nicole.
- Saturday, June 1st Hope will have a table at the Island City Festival! We are looking for volunteers to take a turn at the table giving away activity bags for kids, information on our congregation for adults, and selling crafts to benefit Hope. Please see the sign up sheet on the hymnal cart for available time slots. If you have questions please see Pr. Nicole.