



Sunday, April 27, 2025  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Hope Lutheran Church, Plainwell  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 7*  
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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 & noise canceling headphones are available in  
the nursery.*

## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

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

**\*GATHERING HYMN** The Day of Resurrection! ELW #361

**\*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 5:27-32**

27 When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:14-29**

*Psalms are read responsively whole verse by whole verse.*

14 The Lord is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

**15 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the  
righteous: “The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!**

16 The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!

The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!”

**17 I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the Lord.**

18 The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**19 Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.**

20 “This is the gate | of the Lord;  
here the righ- | teous may enter.”

**21 I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation.**

22 The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

**23 By the Lord has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the | Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

**25 Hosanna! | O Lord, save us!  
We pray to you, Lord, pros- | per our days!**

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house | of the Lord.

**27 The Lord is God and has giv- | en us light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.**

28 You are my God, and | I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

**29 Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;  
God’s mercy en- | dures forever.**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8**

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

### **\*GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his

hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright ELW #384

**\*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 Hear us, O God ...* **Your mercy is great.**

## **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)**

**\*HOLY HOLY (p.181)**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER (p.154)**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*We welcome all baptized to receive Communion when worshiping with us. If you are not baptized, or do not feel prepared to receive Communion, you are invited to participate by coming forward to receive a blessing. 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.*

## **LAMB OF GOD (p.182)**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*At the conclusion of the prayer...Amen.*

### **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING HYMN** Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing ELW #389

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- In observance of Earth Day (April 22), there are Earth Day sticky notes on the hymnal carts. Please pick up one on your way out.
- Hope's council will be meeting Tuesday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Room.
- The Pastoral Care committee will be meeting Sunday, May 4th following worship.
- Hope's May items for Christian Neighbors are Ramen noodles and canned soup.