



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranChurchCbus)

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85155547308?pwd=NFV4WWsvOUpZd1RyT3FINy9sY3FUZz09>

Call-In Number: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 851 5554 7308. Passcode: 729980

WELCOME

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C: Amen.

P: 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.

P: 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.

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You

(TFF 105)

Please turn to 105 in your TFF hymnal.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

(TFF pg. 48)

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

¹ Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.

Whose blood set us free, to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

² Sing with all the people of God.

And join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

³ For the Lamb, who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

This is the Feast, of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,

C: You seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside 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.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*TFF pg. 32*)

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

C: **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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON**SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY**Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

(TFF 254)



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING

QUIET TIME

Hope Musicians

OFFERTORY

Let The Vineyards

(TFF pg. 36)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest of seeds that were sown, that we may be fed the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Risen one,

C: 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

(TFF pg. 38)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD

(TFF pg. 39)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS

Welcome Table

(TFF 263)

Amazing Grace

(ELW 779)

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

(TFF pg. 41)

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name

Send us with your promises O God;

and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving, with shouts of thanksgiving,

With shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Shepherding God,

C: You have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

He Leadeth Me

(TFF 151)



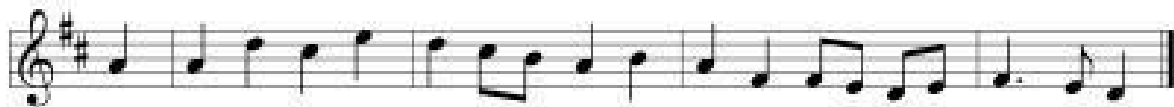
1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me,
 by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me,
 con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead-eth me,
 e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead-eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Worship Participants this Week

Presiding and Preaching: Pastor Julianne Smeck

Ministers: All worshippers

Pianist: Jacob Campbell **Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily

Reader: Kim Fedrick

Worship Assistant: Gay Steele

Acolyte: Arianna Fentress

Usher: Barbara McDaniel

Worship Leaders Next Week**Reader:** Muriel Scruggs**Worship Assistant:** Lawrence Hendrix**Acolyte:** Darren McDaniel**Usher:** Florine Castleman**Phone Numbers****Pr. Smeck:** cell 734.972.6126**Hope Office:** 614.258.6634

PRAYER REQUESTS: Kay Strahler, Susan and Michel, Tammy Carraher, Devon Fentress, Infant Michael Blair, Carolyn Collins, Arnetta Cox, Rosa Campbell, Tracy Snow, Billy Gilyard, Margaret Belcher, Monica Price, Francene Travis, Nicole Keifer

SYNOD ASSEMBLY Two people are needed to serve as voting members at the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly. It will be on May 31 - June 1 at Peace Lutheran Church (Beavercreek, OH). Friday will consist of two workshops, to which all are invited. The Assembly business will take place Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., concluding with worship. Let President Sarah Stone or Pastor Julianne know if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE Affirmation of Hope, a congregational retreat, will take place on May 18th from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please pick up a survey before you leave from the back of the sanctuary.

CONFIRMATION The Confirmation of our young people will take place on May 19th.

BIBLE STUDY We will meet on Zoom on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.!

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR On Saturday, April 27, St. Philip Episcopal Church is hosting a Community Health Fair held at Eldon and Elsie Ward YMCA, 130 Woodland Ave, Columbus OH, 43203. This special event will provide connections to resources, health screenings and information, food trucks, and a bounce house for the kids! From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT On April 27th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., youth from GWCF mentoring program and Youth Services will work on our gardens. You are welcome to help.

PARKINSON'S MOVING DAY Sunday, April 28th at Wolfe Park (11:00 am): Join "Bill's Bunch" as we promote awareness and raise funds for Parkinson's research. For more information, see Sarah Stone or Bill Alsnauer.

NEW SPECIAL GIVING PROGRAM Hope's Finance Committee is pleased to announce the launch of a "new" giving program. Years ago, we received boxes of offering envelopes (remember those "special" envelopes inside?). Starting in April, special offerings will be collected every month for ministries such as Lutheran Social Services, Hope's Neighborhood Fund, Vacation Bible School, Capital Improvements, etc. Special giving envelopes are on the back table in the Sanctuary. The first special giving will be for Lutheran Social Services. Be sure to take an envelope in April!

ATTENTION ALL LUTHERAN WOMEN You are Cordially Invited to attend the annual Central Ohio Conference Spring Gathering!

WHO: ALL the Women of the ELCA in the Central Ohio Area.

WHAT: Spring Gathering of Lutheran Women

WHEN: Sunday, May 5, 2024 Registration – 1:30 p.m. Program – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Clark State Road, Gahanna, OH 43230

WHY: Fellowship, Speakers, Singing & Refreshments

Updates from the COC Board & SOS Board

Guest Speaker: Mary Miller – Music, Humor & Inspiration!

We will be collecting a “Free-Will Offering” for Lutheran Social Services (LSS) in Columbus, Ohio. We will also be collecting “In-Kind Gifts” of Gift Cards from Lowes or Home Depot for Repairs & Building Supplies for the Tornado Victims in Logan County, Ohio.

GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP (you don’t HAVE to give your offering this way!!)

To give offerings and tithes via Venmo:

- *Download the Venmo app
- *Set up bank account info, or debit card info
- *Touch “Pay” or “Request” at the bottom
- *Enter the church cell phone number. (614) 907-3869
- ***Church user name — @HopeLilley-820**
- ***Enter offering amount**

Note: When setting up an account, select “Private: mode for transactions.

You can also use your phone camera to scan the QR code below!



General Offerings

Received: \$36,494

Anticipated: \$38,435

Over / (Short): **(\$1,941)**

Capital Improvements: \$3,928