



## ***Second Sunday of Easter***

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

April 12th, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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

Zoom info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87022443010?pwd=Vb20CctLVvbwCWNabXQoU9d1ebbgip.1>

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## **WELCOME**

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

## They Crucified My Savior (TFF 90)



1 They cru - ci - fied my Sav - ior and nailed him to the tree,  
 2 Then Jo - seph begged his bod - y and laid it in the tomb,  
 3 Sister Mar - y, she came run - ning, a - look - ing for my Lord,  
 4 An an - gel came from heav - en and rolled the stone a - way,



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and the Lord will bear my spir - it home.



*Refrain*  
 He rose, he rose, he rose from the dead, he rose, he rose, he



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and the Lord will bear my spir - it home.

## 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> For the Lamb, who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Almighty and eternal God,

**C: The strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING*****Acts 2:14a, 22-32***

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 16**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## SECOND READING

### **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 20th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with

you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.” 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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 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.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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


## YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### We Praise Thee O, God (TFF 100)



1 We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,  
 2 We praise thee, O God, for thy Spir - it of light,  
 3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
 4 Re - vive us a - gain, fill each heart with thy love,




for Je - sus who died and is now gone a - bove.  
 who has shown us our Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night.  
 who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.  
 may each soul be re - kin - dled with fire from a - bove.

*Refrain*



Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, re - vive us a - gain.

## **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: Merciful God,

**C: Receive our prayer.**

## **WE SHARE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **QUIET TIME**

### **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: Merciful God,

**C: Accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.**

**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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.

### **SHARING THE MEAL**

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

**Beautiful Savior**  
**Taste and See**

*(ELW 838)*

*(ELW 493)*

### **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: Holy one,

**C: Through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG****Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

(ELW 836)



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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**Worship Participants This Week****Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Julianne Smeck**Ministers:** All worshippers**Bassist:** Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily**Pianist:** Caitlyn Couch**Reader:** Susan Keljo**Worship Assistant:** Adam Viney**Acolyte:** Darren McDaniel**Usher:** Kim Fedrick**Worship Leaders Next Sunday****Reader:** Gay Steele**Worship Assistant:** Matt Hazzard

**Acolyte:** Pom Linder

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**A WORD OF THANKS** Another word of thanks to all who helped with the services of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Your faithful service deepened our experience of Jesus in those holy days. Hopefully you were blessed as much as you blessed all of the congregation.

**DISCIPLESHIP DAY - TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

April 25, 2026 9:30 - 4 pm

Abiding Christ Lutheran Church

326 # Dayton Yellow Springs Road

Fairborn, OH 45324

On-site check-in opens at 8:45

This event is open to Rostered Ministers, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders and Lay Congregational Members

Join us as we explore how we, as disciples of Jesus, Live Boldly, Share our Faith, Embody Generosity, and Respond to God's Love.

\$25/ per person (but will be covered)

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND DIRECTORY UPDATES** The Easter Vigil was even more special this year as Shawn Rentmeester and Denise Rector officially joined Hope during the service! Denise can just be moved from the "Friends of Hope" part of the directory to the "members" section. Shawn's address is: Shawn Rentmeester, 94 Tarragon Way, Columbus Ohio 43213. We rejoice that each of you have found a home in Hope!

**BILL'S BRUNCH** Let's Lunch for Bill's Bunch! On Sunday, April 19th the Bill's Bunch Parkinson's Moving Day team will be hosting a lunch fundraiser with proceeds going to the Columbus chapter of the Parkinson's Foundation. A free-will offering will be collected. The lunch fundraiser will be a great way to show Hope's support for those affected by Parkinson's and to further research on Parkinson's disease. Mark your calendar now!

**WELCA SPRING GATHERING** The annual Central Ohio Conference Spring Gathering is on Sunday, April 26th! More information can be found on the flyer in the back of the sanctuary.

**PROPERTY UPDATE** There will be a property meeting at 9:00 AM on April 25th. Church clean up is on the same day at 10:00 AM.

**BIBLE STUDY** Wednesday at 6:30pm!

**NELSON W. TROUT LECTURES**

April 23-24, 2026 — REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! This year we are pleased to welcome **The Rev. Traci Blackmon!** Also, new this year will be a Friday morning Prayer Breakfast. Registration is free and open to the public. **Register TODAY at [www.Trinity.Capital.edu](http://www.Trinity.Capital.edu)**

**THE PASTOR’S SABBATH** is on Thursday and Friday each week.

**PROPERTY CONCERNS**

You can now communicate property issues via email ([hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com](mailto:hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com)), the committee has decided one chairperson isn’t necessary. This is a strong team, and they will respond quickly.

**GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP**

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

**Offerings @ 4/5/26**

Received: \$36,791

Anticipated: \$38,057

Over / (Short): **(\$1,266)**

**Cap Imp: \$1,253**

