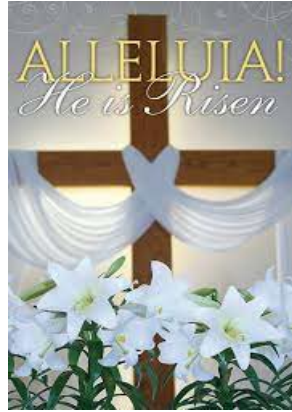


WELCOME
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SAT. APRIL 11 / SUN. APRIL 12, 2026



“THE SURE AND LIVING HOPE”

AS WE GATHER

We gather today still in the glow of the most joyous and amazing celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. The sights and sounds of that celebration linger in our memory, not as just a past event finished and forgotten, but as Peter calls it today, “a living hope,” as enduring and strong as the certainty of our living Lord and the promised future of our own resurrection. We return to continue the Easter celebration because in the afterglow of the days since Easter Sunday, many still do not know that hope. Like the absent apostle Thomas, we still face what seems to be a hopeless world. Today we

remember that our only hope is built on a divine Savior whose crucifixion wounds were endured for us and for all. Indeed, we are to learn that every Sunday throughout the entire year is an Easter celebration as our living Lord draws us into His holy, life-giving wounds through His very same body and blood given us in Holy Communion. Thomas saw and believed. Peter rejoiced. Though we do not now see Him, “you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8), the only sure and living hope.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – ALLELUIA BRASS:

“All Glory, Laud and Honor” *arr. Bob McNally, Jr.*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB 465*

HYPERLINKS

https://youtu.be/lpArZ_eAMqM?si=crvJS97Uw9-vock

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”

Alleluia!

2. Eternal is the gift He brings,

Therefore our heart with rapture sings:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Now still He comes to give us life

And by His presence stills all strife.

Christ has triumphed! He is living!

Alleluia!

3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;

Set heart and will on things above

That we conquer through Your triumph;

Grant grace sufficient for life's day

That by our lives we truly say:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Alleluia!

***4. Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

1 Corinthians 15:54b–57

Pastor: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O
death, where is your victory?"

People: "O death, where is your sting?"

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of
sin is the law.

People: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8–9

Pastor: That victory remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. That hope is kept alive as we daily repent of our sins and remain in the promises of God. For, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as

ourselves. We are afraid of losing hope. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead for the life of the world, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

(LSB 805)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 5:29–42* (*The apostles proclaim the Good News about Jesus, the Christ.*)

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to 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.”

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the

council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA BRASS ANTHEM:

“Crown Him”

Elvey, arr. D. Marvin

EPISTLE *1 Peter 1:3–9* *(We are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Christ.)*

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is

tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

https://youtu.be/6R7I_UeHti0?si=rsun9P07XaKDFynv

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31 (Jesus appears to the disciples.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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;

and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” *LSB 457*

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/6fZHyNy01UU?si=CSIEJKP3p1mpRgJE&t=19>

**1. Jesus Christ is ris’n today,
Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluia!**

**2.Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king,
Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!**

**3.But the pains which He endured,
Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured;
Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king,
Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing.
Alleluia!**

***4.Sing we to our God above,
Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love;
Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host,
Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

Alleluia Brass:

“All Hail the Power” *Holden, arr. D. Marvin*

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, whose love daily attends us and whose peace blesses us in countless ways. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we worthily receive the bread and wine, that is the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of the full salvation He has won for us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.

Unite us with all who gather with us at Your Table here and with all in Your glorious presence who now feast at Your eternal table in the courts of heaven. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS “Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship”

[St. 1: *LSB* 949]

Tune: LSB 803

https://youtu.be/v5TFZwaZILQ?si=ysUOb_34eRMeYcyp

Heav'nly hosts in ceaseless worship

“Holy, holy, holy” cry;

**“He who is, who was and will be,
God Almighty, Lord Most High.”**

Praise and honor, pow'r and glory,

Be to Him who reigns alone!

We, with all His hands have fashioned,

Fall before the Father's throne.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(Tune: *LSB 633*)

<https://youtu.be/HzBs0Y7ymzM?si=4Is96ieIjZEjcCQX>

**Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim,
Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

**Lamb of God, our sins You took;
On the cross God You forsook.
Show us mercy, Lord, we pray,
Peace and mercy grant this day. Alleluia!**

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✠DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION✠

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*

- *fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- *anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*

- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*

- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Alleluia Brass: “The Holy City” *Stephen Adams,*
arr. Steffen

Piano Solo: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” *arr.*
Bill Wolaver

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Tune: LSB 633)

<https://youtu.be/HzBs0Y7ymzM?si=4Is96ieIjZEjcCQX>

**For this feast our thanks we give;
Through its gifts we ever live,
Thanks and praise forever sing
Till we hear the heavens ring, “Alleluia!”**

**Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us so that we may speak boldly of our faith day by day and in all of the callings and vocations of our lives proclaim Your love to all the world. Keep us faithful unto death and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

ALLELUIA BRASS: “God of Grace”
Paul Manz, arr. Crutchfield

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠
give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *LSB 461*
Sts. 1-4,8

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/-eBCEo3r4hI?si=yNmEnBu4b7rU45yZ&t=12>

**1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**

**2.He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**3.He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

**4.He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**8.He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my sweet Redeemer lives!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:
“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
known to others”**

**Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 2.
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- **Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald
- **Liturgist (Sun.)** Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus
- **Sat. Organist:** Lina Schaal
- **Sun. Organist:** George Kelm
- **Choir Director:** Gail Feick
- **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gomski
- **A/V Team:** Brian & Amanda Larie
Stan & Cheryl Grey, Dawn Oswald

THANK YOU TO THE ALLELUIA BRASS FROM ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL, FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY: Trumpets: Eric Nelson, Director, and Chris Oestreich Trombones: Matthew Doran, Bill Joerns, Jeff Nejd Tuba: George Kelm Organ: Matthew Doran Piano: Susan Engstrom

- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **THE FUNERAL for our sister Doris Kunz will be held tomorrow at 11:00am here at Hope Lutheran Church.**
- **WOMEN OF HOPE monthly Ladies Lunch will be on Tuesday APRIL 14 at 11:30am.**
NEW LOCATION CORNER KITCHEN Restaurant
Address: 100 N. Lake Avenue in TWIN LAKES. Please call Kim Zembal at 262-537-4294, if you are planning on coming.

- **ALL LADIES AND FRIENDS OF WOMEN OF HOPE**
Please join our LWML Zone 21, Saturday, April 25 Spring Rally event-Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1936 Emery, East Troy. for mission work help in the Kingdom of God! 9:00am - Registration & Fellowship followed by Bible study and Learning about Forged by Fire Ministries <https://www.weservehope.org>. Join us making "Crosses for Benny" & special favors for the upcoming LWML-South WI District Convention coming up in June. If interested, have questions or would like to carpool, please contact Beth Schneider at 262-351-6578.
- **SHARING CENTER DONATIONS** can be placed in the baskets by the mailboxes rather than in the narthex.
- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP:** We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.

THIS WEEK

Reader: Mike Gomski
Communion: Peter Voigt
Ushers: Gary & Mike Schaetten
Fellowship: Gary & Rita Estes
Altar Guild: Peter & Tami Voigt

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Jim Tonkinson
Communion: Peter Voigt
Ushers: Willian & Susan Keating

Fellowship: Peter & Tami Voigt
Altar Guild: Peter & Tami Voigt

BIRTHDAYS

4/13 Dick Cooke

Calendar of Events This Week

04/12/26–04/18/26

Monday:	11:00am	Funeral for Doris Kunz
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Tuesday:	7:00pm	Twin Lakes Sportsman's Club
Wednesday:	6:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday:	8:00am	Men's Breakfast
	6:00pm	AA Meeting
Saturday:	9:30am	Worship Service
Sunday:	8:15am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:20am	Bible Study &
		Children's Sunday School
	7:00pm	AA Meeting