

WELCOME

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SAT. APRIL 25/SUN. APRIL 26, 2026



“Easter Light—Guiding Light”

AS WE GATHER

The place where we worship is often called the Lord’s house. It is a sacred space, a holy house, and more. It is our blessed home. English clergyman Isaac Watts, who authored hundreds of hymn texts during his life, concluded his paraphrase of the Twenty-Third Psalm in this memorable way: “The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may His house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home” (*OAR* 272).

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

LSB 711

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/Ff6wJuRqZT0?si=q3j9UGpSeameEItq&t=35>

**1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.**

**In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.**

**3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.**

**4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 16:1-2, 5-6, 9, 11*

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

People: **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.”**

Pastor: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

People: **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

People: **You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8-9*

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

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 justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 “He is Arisen! Glorious Word” *LSB 488*

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
Oh, hear what cheer!
Christ victorious
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 2:42–47* (*The life of the first Christians includes learning and fellowship.*)

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:19–25

(Christ, who suffered for us, sets an example for us.)

¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

People: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1–10 (Jesus says He is the gate of the sheep.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

10 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a

robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

HYPERLINK

[https://youtu.be/qb0wgGh -BQ?si=3HalnO3VoUZnxscj](https://youtu.be/qb0wgGh-BQ?si=3HalnO3VoUZnxscj)

**1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**

**2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**

**3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.**

**4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!**

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

✠ 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, wholesome, and proper that we give thanks to You, our gracious heavenly Father, for in Your goodness You have given Your only-begotten Son for our salvation. By the guiding of Your Spirit, direct our ways that we may follow the Good Shepherd through all of our lives so that we may be gathered at the Table which He has prepared before us. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in the green pastures of Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise,

together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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

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**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

✠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 HYMN “Come unto Me, Ye Weary”
LSB 684

HYPERLINKS

https://youtu.be/MKJMqjitu_Q?si=V7iL40JwZ6xo22er&t=25

1. "Come unto Me, ye weary,
 And I will give you rest."
 O blessed voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
 It tells of benediction,
 Of pardon, grace, and peace,
 Of joy that hath no ending,
 Of love that cannot cease.

- 2." Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,
 And I will give you light."
 O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
 And we had lost our way;
But Thou has brought us gladness
And songs at break of day.

- 3." Come unto Me, ye fainting,
 And I will give you life."

**O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou has made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.**

**4.” And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out.”
O patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy
Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Tune: LSB 633

**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!**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, our heavenly Father, as part of Your loving plan for us You have again welcomed us at Your Table. We thank You for the blessings of this Holy Meal.

As the bread was once scattered as seed upon the fields and after being harvested was made one, so let Your church be gathered together into one flock from the ends of the earth until at last we taste the fullness of Your great goodness in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” *LSB 740*

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/CUb5WYqpflc?si=yfMhPjLV1MUy0Kao>

1. I am Jesus’ little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev’ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

2. Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

**3. Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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

- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**

- **INTERESTED IN A SMALL GROUP setting study of the Book of Numbers? Please see Pastor or Mike Gomski.**

- **MONTHLY MITES WEEKEND MAY 2/3.** Please take a mite box and some to share with others. On our monthly mites (loose change) weekend please empty your mite box into our large mite box. Our donations support many missions through the Lutheran Women Mission League. It brings joy to support the mission and message of Jesus.
- **WOMEN OF HOPE** will have their quarterly meeting on Tuesday May 5 at 4:30 pm at Hope Church meeting in the lower level. We welcome all ladies at Hope and friends to join us. We love to hear your thoughts and suggestions as we plan upcoming events and serve with gladness.
- **LADIES AT HOPE AND FRIENDS** are welcome to join our Ladies Luncheon on Thursday, May 14 at 11:30 am. We meet at the Corner Kitchen 100 N Lake Avenue in Twin Lakes. Let us know if you will be attending and/or if you need a ride. We look forward to having you here. Contact Beth Schneider for any questions at 262 -351-6578.
- **HELP NEEDED – JULY 11 CAR SHOW:** Sign-up sheets for helping and donations for food such as pop (cans), water bottles, hamburger buns, french bread loaves for garlic bread are in the narthex. Please see Gail with questions.
- **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: Peter Voigt
Communion: Peter Voigt
Ushers: John & Peggy Tueting
Fellowship: John & Peggy Tueting
Altar Guild: Peter & Tami Voigt

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Nadine Kelm
Communion: Paul Schneider
Ushers: Gary Estes & Dave Peschke
Fellowship: Bob & Kathleen Blume
Altar Guild: George & Nadine Kelm

BIRTHDAYS

05/03 Tami Voigt

ANNIVERSARIES

05/02 Craig & Doris Kunz

Calendar of Events This Week

04/27/26–05/03/26

Wednesday: 6:00pm Bible Study-Studying Psalms

Thursday: 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
5:00pm Bowling @ Towne & Country
7:00pm AA Meeting