
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD



John 20:28

Lay Led Service
Saturday, April 11 & Sunday, April 12 AD 2026
Second Sunday of Easter

Order of Service

Carillon Peal

Welcome

Common

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The congregation may be seated

Hymn: #474 - Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

First Reading:

Acts 5:29–42

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. ³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #480 - He's Risen, He's Risen

Epistle:

1 Peter 1:3–9

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #829 - Christ the Eternal Lord

Please rise for the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel:

John 20:19–31

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

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ.

(8:00) Children’s Message

Apostles’ Creed

L God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And 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.**

Hymn of the Day: #471 - Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense, v. 1-5

Video Message

Hymn: #471 - Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense, v. 6-8

Offering (please sign the Friendship Register)

Offertory: #475 - Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Please rise

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;
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.**

☩ The Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. Amen.

Hymn to Depart: #917 - Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Hope Lutheran Weekly News for 4/11 & 4/12

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For the Sick and Hospitalized — *Prayer requests are always welcome and encouraged. "The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective" (James 5:16). Names will remain on the list for one month. Please get in touch with Pastor or fill out a yellow prayer request if you would like your name or the name of a loved one added.*

Prayers for those who are sick and/or hospitalized: John Rosenfeldt, Sue Steffen, Merle & Kendra Braun, Rev. Vic Kuerschner, Kay Brunelli, Vivian Gorden, Mary Dahl, Amy Blaine, Phil Rasmussen.



For Your Family and Friends Birthdays:

12-Patty Manthey	12-Nancee Shipe	12-Tom Konop	12-Harlow Dobbs
13-Aden Boeck	13-Gloria Engel	13-Kathy Keifenheim	13-Everett Myers
14-Rylee Redeker	14-Chris Pedersen	15-Jonathan Rosenau	15-John Rosenfeldt
15-Kathy Schwefel	16-Lorelei Lowney	16-Tami Lemke	16-Darlene Engle
16-Bonnie Baerwald	17-Ashley Carus	17-Heidi Belongia	17-Lynn Schnell
17-Abigail Streblov			

Wedding Anniversaries:



Events & Information

Attendance – Thursday April 2, 12:00pm -66; 6:00pm - 171; Friday April 3, 12:00pm -184; 6:00pm 101; Sunday April 5; 6:30am -59; 7:45am -193; 9:30am -255; 11:15am -116.

Altar Flowers – This week is sponsored by Stewart Gough.

Café Corner – will serve coffee and treats from 9:00-10:30 a.m. and sponsored this Sunday by our Men's Club. Next week will be sponsored by our Memorial Committee/Board of Stewardship/Scholarship Committee.

Tuesday 2:00 Adult Bible Study - will not meet again until May 12th. We will have a new study to encourage and lead us as we study His word then. Any questions contact Ann or Dennis Holm 920-266-2283.

Call Update – Rev. Andrew Munding has accepted the call of Associate Pastor here at Hope and will be arriving mid-May!

SCRIP – will be available weekly for 15 min after the 5:30 PM and 8 AM Service. Also, for 15 min before the 10:30 AM service at the Welcome Center. Help support our Music Ministry!

Feed my Starving Children – Thank you Hope for your donations and volunteering to pack mana packs at Feed My Starving Children March 21, 2026. There were 548 volunteers from the Fond du Lac area churches that packed 648 Boxes, containing 139,968 Meals to Feed 383 Kids for a year!!!!

Men's Ministry – Men of Hope are invited to fellowship on Saturday April 25, 2026 at 6:30pm, following Saturday evening services. We will meet in our new pavilion, with supper provided. The Event will last about an hour.

Women On Their Own - will meet for lunch at 11:30 on Thursday, April 16, at Bob's on the Avenue. We welcome any first-timers. Reservations with Sylvia at 920-979-8465.

Pantry of Hope – has been selected to participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. What a tremendous blessing! Volunteers are needed at Hope on Saturday, May 9th at 1:00pm to help sort! No need to sign up just show up!

Men's Club – will host Don Herman as the guest speaker for their April 19 meeting. Don, the owner of SUNK? Dive and Ice Service, has been retrieving vehicles, ATVs, and even airplanes from area lakes for more than four decades. Don will share a number of fascinating stories including the very recent retrieval of a car that broke through the ice and had been on the bottom of Lake Winnebago since 1980! The meeting begins 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall with a meal followed by Don's presentation. You won't want to miss this one! Contact Glenn Lutzke at 920-583-4280 to confirm your attendance.

Gift Card Shower – Our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Andrew Munding, will be arriving in Fond du Lac mid-May, The Call Committee is planning a gift card shower. Pick up a gift card from your favorite Fond du Lac establishment as a gift. Pastor Munding's Installation Service will be held on Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 3:00pm.

Lectionary Summary for this Weekend:

Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives “repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He “is the Christ, the Son of God,” so that by such faith we “may have life in his name” (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the “living hope” to which we have been “born again” and by which we are guarded “for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, “though you have not seen him, you love him,” and by the mercies of God “you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8).

This Week at Hope

Monday, April 13

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study
11:00 AM Sweet Hour of Prayer
5:00 PM Adult Small Group Study
6:00 PM Handbells
7:00 PM Worship Team

Wednesday, April 15

1:00 PM Lutheran Service 87 Woodlands
1:45 PM Lutheran Service 77 Woodlands
4:30 PM K-3rd Children's Chimes
5:05 PM 4th -8th Children's Chimes
6:00 PM Catechism Class
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 17

Sunday, April 19

8:00 AM Traditional Service w/HC
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
9:20 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Praise 1030 w/HC

Tuesday, April 14

2:00 PM Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM Board of Finance
7:00 PM Church Council

Thursday, April 16

10:00 AM Community Chime Choir
11:30 AM Women on Their Own- Bob's on the Ave
6:00 PM Journey to Recovery

Saturday, April 18

5:30 PM Traditional Service w/HC

Serving today:

Lay Leader (5:30) : Jon Moen
Lay Leader (8:00) : Dave Knuth
Organist: Jessica Finley

5:30 PM

Captain: Dennis Holm

Elder: Ryan Graham

Ushers: John Graham, Ryan Graham, Nick Holm

8:00 AM

Captain: Dale Shipe

Elder: Stewart Gough

Ushers: Stewart Gough, Nancee Shipe, Cory Siedschlag

Altar Assistants: Garv & Carol Shields, Mel Woodward, Kay Kohlman, Jayne Kaufman
