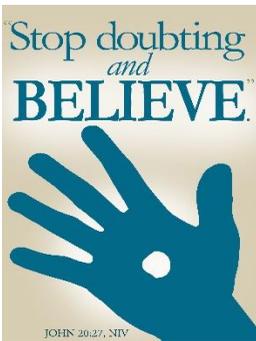


About the Cover: Though Thomas believed upon the sight of the risen Christ, Jesus says that those who have not seen and yet believe are blessed. Just as John's Gospel account tells us, these events were recorded, written, preserved, and shared so that we might have faith and believe that Jesus is not only the Christ but also our Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit at work through the Word, the very faith of which Jesus speaks is happening today in us!



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

Hope Lutheran Church

The Rev. David M. Oddi, Pastor

Lay Minister Joyce Cronin, LCC Director

Welcome - as we continue to celebrate Easter —
not just a day but a season. Alleluia!

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church. Before the service begins, we ask everyone to please sign his or her name on the "Record of Fellowship" (red book at the end of the pew). Please circle any change of address or phone numbers. These will be collected during the sermon hymn.

Make this your prayer as you come to worship: "We worship in the name of our creative God, our all-loving Savior and the rejuvenating Spirit. Amen."

Divine Service – Setting Three

Setting Three begins on page 184 in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB)

OPENING HYMN -"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB pg. 477

Please Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*speak responsively*)

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and

imploing Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

INTROIT (*chant responsively – congregation in bold*) *Ps. 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*
tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

KYRIE (*sung*) *LSB p. 186*

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*chant responsively*) *LSB p. 187*

Pastor: Glory be to God on High,

People: **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY (*chant responsively*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

Please Sit

FIRST READING: Acts 4:31-35 (*printed on the back of the bulletin*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL (*chant responsively – congregation in bold*)

adapt. From Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands,*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

EPISTLE: 1 John 1:1-2:2 (*printed on the back of the bulletin*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Please Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*congregation sings*) *LSB p. 190*

People: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 (*printed on the back of the bulletin*)
(*responses sung*) *LSB p. 190*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

Please Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY - "He's Risen, He's Risen" LSB pg. 480

SERMON

"Do Not Disbelieve, but Believe"

John 20 : 24 -31

Please Stand

OFFERTORY (*congregation sings*)

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

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.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS (*chant responsively*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION (*chant responsively*)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen, amen, amen.**

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN - “Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen” LSB p. 474

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John 20:19 – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn’t be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.



“Reading the Psalms With Luther”

The 140th Psalm is a general Psalm of prayer against the proud, wicked saints who place many traps and annoyances in the right way, against God’s Word. They threaten and rage against all those who do not praise and follow their errors. The psalm prays that their plans may not succeed but rather fall on their own head and that it will happen to them as Pharaoh in the Red Sea and they may be drowned. Thus may such evil mouths be silenced and the believers remain before God forever.

Prayer: O Lord, God of strength, bring to naught the counsels of Your enemies, and frustrate their wicked designs. Turn the hearts of our enemies that they may cease their hatred against us, and create in us peaceable hearts that do not cherish hate and do not seek revenge, but crave peace with all men and strive to follow those things which make for peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings for The Third Sunday of Easter- April 18, 2021

First Reading: Acts 3:11-21 Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7 Holy Gospel: Luke 24: 36-49
Psalm 141

