



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021 – 9:00am

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THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Confession & Forgiveness

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for reflection.*) Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: "Now the Green Blade Rises" - ELW #379

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, field of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

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.

Prayer of the Day: **Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

Response to the Word

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1—2:2

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

L: The holy gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Christopher Martin

Hymn of the Day: "O Sons & Daughters of the King" – LBW #139 vs. 4-7

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their master dear, and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, that they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas see, and look upon my hands, my feet; not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

Words of Institution

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; 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" – ELW #362

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side, Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

**Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be, Alleluia!**

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

THE SENDING

Benediction

Closing Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” – ELW #656

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lisa Borman

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Prayer Concerns: Health Concerns: Covid 19 Patients, John Bohun, Van Bundgaard, John Fields, Cindy Jansen, Sue Joles, Christine Kauffman, Pam Leuthi, Addie Lund, Pat McEathron, Tina Mojeck, Harold Roberts, Marge Spangberg, Kathy Titera, Jim Trottier, Jerry Van Ert; Homebound Members & Nursing Home Residents; Grieving: family & friends of Bruce Stewart.

Our radio broadcast is given by Gordie & Bev Dukerschein in loving memory of Orlo & Bernie Dukerschein.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Kathy Peterson, Rosemary Johnson; Lector – Kathy Peterson; Acolyte – Levi Nyhagen; Communion Asst. – Chris Holtebeck.

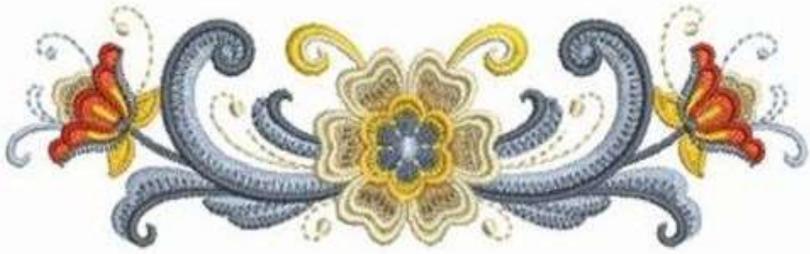
Bible Study: The “Family Matters” Bible study will continue this morning at 10:15am in the fellowship hall.

Committee Meetings this Week: Tuesday, April 13 – 4:00pm Congregational Care & Outreach, 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance, 6:00pm Property.

Book Discussion: The book discussion group will meet next Sunday, April 18 at 10:15am to discuss Send Down the Rain by Charles Martin.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:00am Choir 10:15am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School
Tuesday	4:00pm Congregational Care & Outreach Committee 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance Committee 6:00pm Property Committee
Wednesday	5:30pm Choirchimes 6:30pm Confirmation
Thursday	7:00am Men’s Breakfast 4:00-6:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:00am Choir 10:15am Book Discussion 10:30am Sunday School



The Hope Lutheran Church
Scandinavian Dinner

will take place on
Wednesday, April 21
from
4:30-7:00pm

Cost: \$10.00/person

The menu will include baked ham, meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, baked beans, glazed carrots, salads, homemade rolls, lefse, rice pudding, and Scandinavian baked goods.

Dine-in and carry-outs will both be available.
Reservations are requested and can be made by calling or emailing the church office (hlcladysmith@gmail.com or 715-532-7739).