

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ Fifth Sunday of Easter + May 15, 2022

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study – 9:00 am

+ Service of Holy Communion + 10:30 am

Rev. Herbert C. Dolich, Pastor

One Pastor, Many Ministers

Lenna Harris- Music Director/Organist

Tim Warren – Assisting Minister

Introduction

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

+ **GATHERING** +

Welcome & Announcements (see the last page for additional announcements)

Prelude "Sun of My Soul" arr. by S. Pethel

Please Stand

Gathering Hymn "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" ELW 452

Greeting

- P For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- 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.**
- P In the beginning was the Word,
- C and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**
- P In the Word was life,
- C and the life was the light of all people.**
- P The Word became flesh and lived among us,
- C and we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.**

Kyrie – page 203

Canticle – page 204 (Glory be to God in heaven...)

Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P O Lord God, You teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts Your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by Your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

+ WORD +

First Reading – Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

L The first reading is from the 11th Chapter of Acts

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 148

(Read responsively by full verse)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading – Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

L The second reading is from Revelation the 21st Chapter

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation – page 205 (Alleluia! Lord and Savior...)

Holy Gospel – John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th Chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon Time for Reflection

Please stand

Apostles Creed – Confession and Forgiveness

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Loving God, lead us to follow Your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive Your gifts in those we least expect. God, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Inspire us to praise You through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world You have made. God, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Humble the rulers of nations before Your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress *especially we pray for those whose name we elevate to You now*. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By Your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know Your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Give us a place in the diverse company of Your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as Your children, kindred of Christ. God, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Ukrainian Prayer – Choir by John Rutter

P In Your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Peace

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share our Lord's Peace with one another

Please be seated

Responding to God's Faithfulness with Giving

Offertory "Rejoicing in God" Colin Curtis

Choir Anthem "Let the Redeemed of the Lord" M. Barrett

Please stand

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day You shower us with blessings. As You have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise You and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface – page 207

P It is indeed right, ... we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Thanksgiving at the table

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

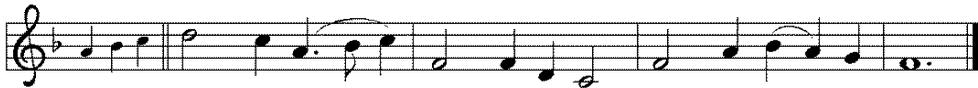
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer – Page 208

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

C Our Father, who art in Heaven.....

C Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

Please be seated

Distribution (Communion up the aisle)

Communion Canticle "Agnus Dei" – page 208 (O Lamb of God...)

Prayer after Communion

A Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection You send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish Your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show Your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

+ *SENDING* +

Blessing

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Thine Is the Glory" ELW 376

Extinguishing of candles

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Lord, Whose Love Though Humble Service"
B. F. White / W. Ringham

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Welcome to All Visitors who worship with us this morning. Jesus came to make God's love known to our world. May your worship with us make God's love known in your heart and in your life this day and always. We invite you to sign our Guest Register and introduce yourselves to the pastor after worship.

Flowers and Bulletins are given to the Glory of God in Honor of Kevin and Amanda Drennan's 1st Wedding Anniversary by Gail and Greg Drennan.

~Please keep the following people in your daily prayers~

Rosie Lichner, Rhonda (Millheim) Fries, Dani Doll (father-in-law to Audra Doll), Bernadette Roeder (Anna Herb's sister), Cindy Rissmiller (friend of congregation), Gretchen Corcoran (Kama Mengel's sister), Tyrone Klump (Tracy Riedinger's father) and Ginny Siegfried.

Please, take a few minutes to read through the prayer list and let Diane in the office know if any names should be added or removed.

This Week at Hope

Today - 05/15 -

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Service of Holy Communion - 10:30 AM
Council Meeting**

05/16 - Monday -

Al-A-Non group 11:00 AM - Social Hall

05/17 - Tuesday -

Election Day

05/18 - Wednesday -

AA 8:00 PM Social Hall

05/19 - Thursday -

Sr. Choir - 7:00 PM

AA 10:00 AM - Social Hall

05/20 - Friday -

AA Tatamy Women's Group 6:30 PM

05/21 - Saturday -

AA, Al-A-Non 7:30 PM

05/22 - Sunday -

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Service of Word and Prayer - 10:30 AM**

Birthdays this week

05/15 - Maya Riffert, Deanne Werkheiser

05/16 - LuAnn Kessler

05/17 - Susan Gleason

05/21 - Karen Kuhn

Anniversaries this week

N/A

“Hope -- An Anchor for the Soul”

Hebrews 6:19

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We Are Found

As Jesus in today’s gospel prepares the disciples for his imminent departure, he tells them that they will look for him but won’t be able to join him where he is going. It will not be long before the women are at the tomb in the early morning, only to find it empty.

We also look for Jesus, but perhaps we don’t know that we are engaged in the search. We are constantly seeking purpose and answers, turning to self-help books, inspirational videos, exercise programs, and new ways of organizing our stuff. Billboards and magazine covers highlight our flaws while offering the next best solution to make us happy and well.

These opportunities can be compelling, and some of them will prove successful in managing some aspects of life. But these solutions don’t turn up what we’re really looking for: to be truly loved and known, secure and whole. We find this security only in the love of God. Yet, in this Easter season we are reminded that we do not need to seek Jesus; rather, Jesus seeks out and finds us. We cannot go where Jesus goes, leading the way through death to new life, but Jesus ultimately finds us wherever we are, even when we are most lost. The women found an empty tomb, but Jesus is not gone. The resurrected Jesus finds them!

In finding us, Jesus also directs our searching by giving us a commandment: “Love one another” (John 13:34). In seeking to love one another, we are reminded again and again that the great love of God has already found us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Nazareth Area Food Bank** has begun taking food donations again. In May the food bank will need baked beans, tuna, hamburger helper, mac & cheese and pasta. Please place food in the box in the Narthex.
- We need volunteers to sign up for **Safe Harbor in Easton** – pick up food donations at Wegman’s on the first Saturday of each month and deliver to Safe Harbor. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board – for more information, see Bill Kiefer. **No one is signed up after the month of May.**
- **FREE Organ** – A home Allen Organ including 2 manuals and full pedal board. May need some work. Currently located in the social hall. For more information, see or call Carol Frace 610-258-0289.

Vacation Bible School

Hope Lutheran Church
240 S. 8th St. Tatamy, PA

July 25 – July 29, 2022
9:00 – 11:30

Registration will begin May 15

Register at:
hopetatamy.org

We are in need of volunteers

Contact Tracy 484-695-7843



Food Truck Party VBS meeting for volunteers following church service on **Sunday, May 22nd**. Light lunch will be served.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

