

*Easter Sunday*

*Contemporary Service 9:00*

March 31, 2024



*"He has been raised; he is not here."*

## Welcome to Hope for Easter 2024.

We are honored by your presence this morning at the Christian community's celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. Death could not hold Jesus, who is God's saving gift of love and life to our world!

We offer the following to make your worship more rewarding and fulfilling:

\* We do not "take a collection" here. We only receive offerings. By giving a financial gift, you further the work of God's kingdom done by this church. You will also be participating in the offering of your life, your time and your possessions--signs of God's gracious love for us. 100% of our Easter offering has been designated to support the ministry and mission of Salem Lutheran Church's Food Ministry.

\* Holy Communion is open to all baptized followers of Jesus, regardless of Christian denomination. At Hope we believe and teach that Jesus Christ is truly present in Communion through the bread and wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion please come forward with your arms crossed.

\* If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please let a Welcome Team member know, and we will bring the gift of this holy meal to you at your seat.

\* As a courtesy to others, please turn all cell phones & devices to the silent mode.

\* Restrooms are located downstairs in the Narthex (red entry doors to the church) or handicapped accessible across the hall from the Nest (out the doors to the front of the worship space).

\* Water fountain is located across from the Nest.

\* For families with young children, your children are welcome in worship with us, wiggles and all. Worship bags are available at either door with activities. Our nursery is available for children 3 years old and younger. The nursery is to the right of the Chancel (church front). There is also a changing table and toddler bathroom there.

Thank you for being here this morning! We invite you to worship and celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 and to experience the abundant life Jesus promises and delivers.

May God bless this time of worship and may God's love touch your heart and life in powerful ways today and in the days and months to come.

Wishing you and those you love God's peace and joy,

Kevin Maxey  
Senior Pastor

Kristin Hunsinger  
Associate Pastor

Hope Lutheran Church  
Easter Sunday March 31



**Welcome**

Pastor Kristin

**Gathering**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He is Not Dead)*

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Song**

*Because He Lives*



**GOSPEL READING**

**MARK 16:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Time with Young Disciples**

Pam Ferrara

**Message**

*The Sun Rises*

Pastor Kevin

**Response to the Message**

*Old Church Choir*

## The Prayers of the People

*Each petition ends with God of grace, and people respond hear our prayer.*

## Sharing of the Peace

**Pastor:** The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

## Offertory Song

*Gratitude*

## Offertory Prayer

## Holy Communion

## Words of Institution

## The Lord's Prayer

## Communion Distribution

*Communion will be received up front. The pastors will place a wafer in your open hand, wrapped gluten free wafers are available upon request. Wine and grape juice are available for intinction. Dip the wafer into the cup and consume. Individual cups of wine or grape juice are also available if you prefer. There are trash cans by the doors as you leave worship.*

## Communion Song

*Wood and Nails*

## Communion Blessing



## Benediction

## Sending Song

*All the People Said Amen*

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