

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



HOPE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

On the Border of Land O'Lakes, WI and Watersmeet, MI
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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Divine Service: Sunday 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Bible Study: 8:15 AM
Wednesday Children's Ministry Classes: 4:00 PM

*"I will extol You, my God and King;
and bless Your name forever and ever!"*

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

O Jesus, our risen and ever-living Savior, we praise You with our whole being, for You have done great things for us. At the cross we find full forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. At the empty tomb we find full comfort, joy and hope. All glory, honor, and praise to You, O Savior for having gotten us the victory over death, the devil, sin, and hell. For these and all other blessings may our voices be loosed to speak and sing Your praise both now and through all eternity. To the glory of Your saving name, we ask these things, risen Lord. Amen.

WELCOME to all who worship with us today! Our joyous celebration of our Savior's Resurrection continues this Fifth Sunday of Easter. To our guests we extend a warm welcome. If you are without a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider Hope. Worship with us again soon!

AS WE GATHER - Our first reading from Acts 8 reports on how the first Christians were concerned about bringing the risen Christ to others. Philip ministers to an Ethiopian eunuch. In the Epistle, I John 4, John urges believers to *"test the spirits to see whether they are from God."* He also appeals to Christians to love one another, since God loved them by sending His one and only Son as a sacrifice for their sins. In the Gospel, Jesus fervently appeals to His disciples to *"love each other."*

WORSHIP NOTES

ORDER OF SERVICE - Divine Service Setting Three, p. 184ff.

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SERMON "What Wondrous Love!" I John 4:1-11

Serving in God's House Today

Our Pastor: Rev. Gary Albert
Acolyte: Mina Bramstadt
Elder on Duty: Ed Kalvoda
Greeter: Gary Chapman
Bulletin Sponsors: Gene & Joan Hojan
Altar Guild: Bonnie Deutsch
Reader: Kathi Schultz
Organist: Nancy Vogt

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Dave & Marcia Gunderson, in honor of Dave's birthday and Jean Trispel's birthday.

Today's loose plate offering has been designated for the Benevolent Fund.

Quarterly Congregation Meeting - THIS MORNING, following Fellowship. Agenda items include reports from the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees, a financial report, and updates on the Call for a new pastor and progress on the renovation of the parsonage, as well as other items. Plan to attend! Your input, support and involvement are important.

Precepts Bible Study: We will be studying the third section of the book of John, beginning on Tuesday, May 21st. The class will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Please come with first lesson completed. The workbook is available from Pastor. If you have any questions, call Jane Reilley at 847-212-1026.

Thank you to all who participated in last Saturday's wooden flower class, to those who helped clean up, and a special thank you to Mary Noordyk for leading the class. There were 18 people in attendance!

Newsletters for May are the in the mailboxes this morning. Be sure to pick-up your copy!

Church Directory Updates are in your mailboxes this morning. Please be sure to inform Nancy Vogt of any address/phone changes. If you would like a new photo or would like to add or change bio information, leave a note in Nancy's mailbox or email her at bobandnancy4813@gmail.com. The next update will come out in November. Thank you!

Memorial Service - A memorial service will be held at Hope on **Saturday, May 11**, beginning at 11 AM, for Rodney Bathke, a former long-time, active member of Hope. A luncheon will follow the service. You are most welcome to attend.

Birthday wishes go out this week to Karen Weaver (Today) and Lynn Kahlenberg (Friday, May 3). May God bless you both in the coming year!

Prayer List – Please keep the following in your prayers: Carol Granberg, Donna Johnson, MacKenzie Moore, Lisa Smith, Jean Trispel, Christine & Scott Beattie, Sallee & Gary Gehrt, Jeff Bartlett, Tom Behling, Ken Boksa, David Gunderson, Rick Hojan, Roger Sauter, Paul Schultz, Dave Steffen, & Morris Wise. Our homebound members: Florence Ninko, Jill James, & Augusta Santy Specht. Please keep our congregation in your prayers as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to provide for our pastoral needs now and in the future. For our mission partners: the Bakers in Mongolia, the Olivers in Taiwan, the Lehmanns in Puerto Rico, the Cundiffs & Bombaros in Latvia.

A Measure of Our Love

Attendance at April 21st Worship Service: 63
Offering Envelopes: \$1,045.00 Loose Plate: \$304.00
Faith/Hope/Love Campaign: \$300.00

In case of emergency or hospitalization, please contact Pastor Albert at home in Marshfield at 715-384-2855, or on his cell phone at 715-323-8874. You may also e-mail him at gmalbert@charter.net. Please inform us if you are going to be homebound for a period of time.

TABLE PRAYER Receive our heartfelt thanks, Heavenly Father, for all Your blessings – the food we share, the fellowship we enjoy, our time together – and make us mindful of all who lack such daily gifts that we may joyfully share our blessings with others. Amen.