

HOPE is called by God to look beyond ourselves. We walk together in faith, treasuring all people and sharing with them the love, hope, and acceptance that is in Christ".

Sunday, April 14, 2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Easter

## GATHER

# Prelude

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. Amen.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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## **Gathering Hymn**

## ELW 361, vs. 1, 3, 4 "The Day of Resurrection"

#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

Kyrie



Now the Feast and Celebration



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## Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Word

#### First Reading: Acts 3: 12-16

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus.

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God, word of Life

#### Thanks be to God

# Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

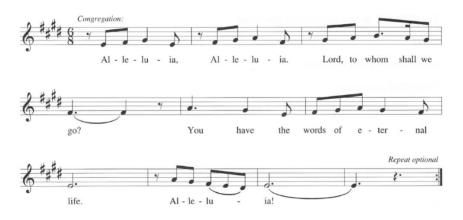
# Second Reading from the book of 1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God



#### Gospel According to Luke 24: 36b - 48 Glory to you ,O Lord

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

## Children's Message

Pastor Annie

Message

**Pastor Annie** 

Hymn of the Day

ELW 468

## "Around You, O Lord Jesus"

#### Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

#### A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, especially those on our prayer list and those we name now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose here in River Falls. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

#### Amen.

## Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

## THE MEAL

## Offering

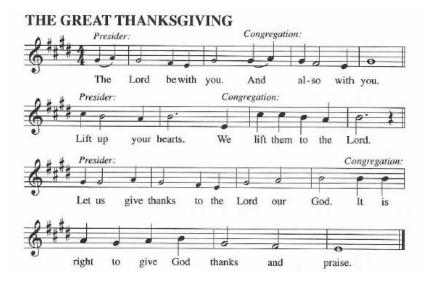
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# **Offertory Hymn**

#### **Offering Prayer**

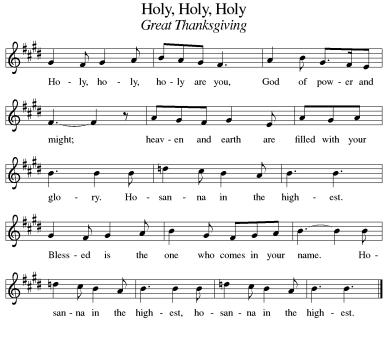
Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

## **Holy Communion**



It is our duty and delight...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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# **Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution**

You are indeed holy... ...even as we cry:

## **EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2**

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



Send now, we pray...

## **EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3**

Presider: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



... Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray ...

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.

#### Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.



**Communion Hymn** 

ELW 470 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

SEND

Announcements

# Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. Amen.

# Sending Hymn

## ELW 674 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

## Sending

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Postlude

| ANNOUNCEMENTS                       |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Looking Ahead at HOPE               |   |
| Monday                              |   |
| April 15 <sup>th</sup>              | 10:00 – Coffee & Faithful Conversation                                |
| Tuesday                             |   |
| April 16 <sup>th</sup>              | 6:30 – Council Ministry Meeting                                       |
| Wednesday<br>April 17 <sup>th</sup> | 6:00 – Wednesdays of HOPE & Earthfest Service<br>Project Prep for ALL |
| Friday                              |   |
| April 19 <sup>th</sup>              | All Day – Pastor's Sabbath  |
| Saturday<br>April 20 <sup>th</sup>  | 12-4- Earthfest 2024  |
| Sunday<br>April 21 <sup>st</sup>    | 9:30 – Sunday Service   |

## HOPE SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT!

All HOPE members & friends are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 17th from 6-7PM as we prep for our prayer flag project! Bishop Laurie Skow Anderson will be with us for the fun. Helpers will sort and cut fabric, help our sewers make a loop, and organize supplies for Saturday. It promises to be a fun night of service together!

#### Please lift up the following people in prayer

Karen Hamilton Patricia Miller (Sister of Carl Warren) Rhiannon Bondhus (Niece of Bondhus family) Sharon & Kermit Paulson The Family of Barbara McIntosh Brooke Grant (niece of Margaret Anderson) Family of Mike Roy (Friend of Karen Rodewald) Lori Snyder (Friend of Nancy & David Peters) David Anderson (Karen Brohaugh's brother) Ed and Gwen Paulson Randy Dopkins (Family friend of Olive Olson) Eden Annoye (Relative of Debra James) John Weller (Cousin of Karen Brohaugh) Dave and Deb Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose) Phyllis and Tom Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose) Fatma Aljarrah (Friend of Faye Perkins) Beth Lindgren Family (Dan Malaney) Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson) Barb Carmichael (Friend of Nancy Sailer) Dennis & Sandy Schultz (Friends of Bill & Kay Montgomery) Nancy Miller (Friend of Paula & Phil Klacan) Linda Shurden (Friend of Nancy Sailer) Jovce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel) Hannah Forward Amanda Olson (daughter of Olive Olson) Ella Conover (Phil & Paula's Klacan's Niece) Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock) David Boock (Relative of the Boocks) Teajai Schmidt (Relative of Boock family) Lee Hill (friend of Naomi) Gary Siebold David Hendrickson

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## Sunday Schedule:

In Person 9:30 a.m.

Online: http://youtube.com/c/HOPEL utheranRiverFalls 9:30 a.m.

#### Welcome to HOPE Lutheran Church.

If you are new to HOPE, welcome! It is a blessing to have you join us for worship this morning!

> Leading Us in Worship

Presiding Pastor: Annie Ladnier

> Pianist: Phil Klacan

#### **Assisting Minister:**

**Reader:** 

**Communion Asst.:** 

**Ushers/Greeters:** 

Communion Preparation:

Coffee Fellowship Donut Sunday

> AV Support: Ryan Brill