



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, May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of 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.

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

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

ACS 1038, vs. 1, 2, 4

God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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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

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord.
For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
mer - cy. A - men.

Now the Feast and Celebration



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

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Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading from the book of 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

Gospel According to John 15: 9-17

Glory to you ,O Lord

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Children’s Message

Pastor Annie

Message

Pastor Annie

Hymn of the Day

ELW 708

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

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.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species, guide our local leaders in caring for our environment, and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Be present with all those on our prayer list and those we name before you now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, ministry team members, and all who serve in this place. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You have sheep in many folds and your heart breaks for all who are harmed in your name. We pray for your peace to reign on university campuses, in the Holy Land, and in the hearts of all your people. May your love and life reign victorious. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. 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.**

THE MEAL

Offering

Your gifts enable our ministry to continue.

Here are ways to share God's abundance:

Giving In-Person: Baskets will be passed

GIVE ONLINE: <http://www.hopelutheranrf.com/giveonline/>

Give by Text to: 833-961-2156. Learn how [here](#).

Give by Mobile App: Search "GivePlus Church" on Apple or Android devices and follow instructions

MAIL YOUR OFFERING: HOPE Lutheran, 3337 Kingsbarn Ave., River Falls, WI 54022

Offertory Hymn

ELW 481

“Come to the Table”

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight...

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Great Thanksgiving

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

You are indeed holy...

...even as we cry:

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

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

Congregation:
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray...

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

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

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

... 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.

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

ELW 482
"I Come With Joy"

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.

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 836

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Sending

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<i>Looking Ahead at HOPE</i>	
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Monday May 6 th	10:00 – Coffee & Faithful Conversation 11:30 – Congregational Life Ministry Meeting 6:30 - Worship Ministry Meeting
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Wednesday May 8 th	6:00 – Wednesdays of HOPE
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Thursday May 9 th	9:00 – Strings of HOPE Rehearsal
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Friday May 10 th	All Day – Pastor’s Sabbath
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Saturday May 11 th	9:00 – Outside Spring Clean Up
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Sunday May 12 th	All Day – Mother’s Day 9:30 – Sunday Service
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Calling for All Wind Chimes!

HOPE's Worship Ministry Team invites you to bring a wind chime (we need all sizes and sounds!) for worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th!

Wind chimes may be dropped off between May 11-19th as well.

Help us celebrate the Holy Spirit by making a joyful noise!

All are invited to WEAR RED that day too!

HOPE SPRING CLEAN UP! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please join us Saturday, May 11th at 9:00am for outside spring clean up at HOPE Lutheran. There is a variety of needs: flowerbeds, bush trimming, table adjusting & cleaning, storage clean out, staining, carpentry (make benches, trim in WOTS), mowing training, and much more! ALL AGES CAN HELP!

Coffee and Snacks will be provided and many hands make for lighter and more joyful work!

Sign up at church or contact psrudesill@gmail.com

Blessing of Graduates May 19th!

Join us in celebration of our high school graduates as we bless them, provide a special gift, and host a celebratory reception in their honor!

This year we honor and celebrate:

Sean James

Son of James and Debra James

Morgan Torntore

Daughter of Erin Toenjes/

Granddaughter of Connie and Leonard Juaire

Please lift up the following people in prayer

Family of Molly Gerrish (Friend of Faye Perkins)

Mary Alice Jones (Martie Guthrie's mother)

Family of Teajai Schmidt (Relative of the Boocks)

Jacob Dan and family (Friends of Jeff Rodewald)

Karen Hamilton

Patricia Miller (Sister of Carl Warren)

Rhiannon Bondhus (Niece of Bondhus family)

Sharon & Kermit Paulson

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)

Joyce 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)

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/HOPELutheranRiverFalls>
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:
Pastor Annie Ladnier

Pianist:
Phil Klacan

Assisting Minister:
Nancy Sailer

Reader:

Communion Asst.:

Ushers/Greeters:

**Communion
Preparation:**
Nancy Sailer

Coffee Fellowship:

AV Support:
Ryan Brill