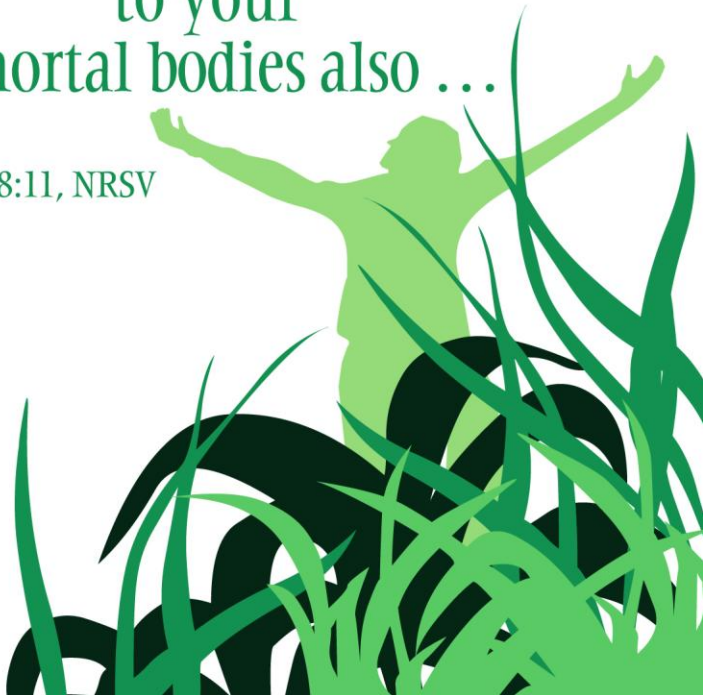


If the **Spirit** of him
who raised **Jesus**
from the dead dwells in you,
he ... will give **life**
to your
mortal bodies also ...

Romans 8:11, NRSV



EASTER FOUR

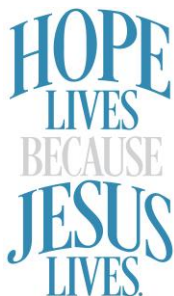
Living Hope Lutheran May 3, 2026

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Divine Worship. . . . 2pm

Bible Study 3pm

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EASTER FOUR

May 3, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 98

PRAYERS: Before Communing (Inside Cover, LSB);

HYMNS: WS 757 LSB 459 LSB 741:1-5

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: WS 757 -*"Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning"*

DIVINE SERVICE

(Setting 2, LSB Pg 167)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of us all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

C: ♪ Glory be to God on highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

OT LESSON

ISAIAH 42:10-16

¹⁰ Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. ¹¹ Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the habitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains. ¹² Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise in the coastlands. ¹³ The Lord goes out like a mighty man, like a man of war he stirs up his zeal; he cries out, he shouts aloud, he shows himself mighty against his foes.

¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶ And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON:

2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for:

- if we have died with him, we will also live with him;
- ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
- ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself. *

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Please Rise.

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P: The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel according to the Apostle John, from the 6th Chapter we read beginning at verse 60.

C: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON:

JOHN 6:60-69

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." *

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: LSB 459 - *“Christ Is Arisen”*

SERMON:

ROMANS 8:9-11

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **

WHO HAD A HAND IN THE RESURRECTION?

The Holy Spirit

P: Please Rise.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take up the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts.

PRAYER(S)

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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 unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. On this glorious day we praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the very Passover Lamb offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world; He has by His death destroyed death and by His rising to life has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sins and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers: deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C: ♪ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



Why doesn't our church pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? Well, because we understand Communion very differently than others do. We understand the Lord's Supper to have just as great a potential for harm as it has for good. For that reason, we do not give it out until we have determined that it will work for your good and the good of the church. In fact, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed. For this reason, we trust that those of other faiths will understand our practice of asking all who wish to commune to prepare with the pastor first.

THANK THE LORD

C: ♪ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell eve'ryone what He has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this spiritual gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor)

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 741:1-5 - *"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"*

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3, 2026

THIS AFTERNOON AFTER WORSHIP:

✓ Bible Study; Sunday School.

THIS WEEK

Sunday: Worship 2pm, Bible Study/Sun School 3pm.

HOLY COMMUNION

Living Hope's Council determined that Holy Communion would be offered on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month during the vacancy. If any member should desire private communion, they need only speak with Pastor Schaller who would be happy to provide it.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class will continue this Wednesday at 4pm.

WORSHIP TIME

Our Worship time is at 2pm for two more weeks. We will have Sunday Worship at 11am beginning on Sunday May 24th.

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor David Pfeiffer who currently serves Holy Trinity in West Columbia, SC. • Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ has called Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church of Sister Lakes, MI. • Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) has called Pastor Ben Libby who currently serves Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY. • The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, to ILC Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel. • Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church in Morris, MN has received and accepted the vacancy call of St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN. • Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND has been called and has accepted the call to serve as Vacancy Pastor of Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025-26

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Living Hope to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 4/15/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (12)
\$5,500.00	\$3,883.50	\$1,616.50	\$135.00

Living Hope General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2026. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	Received as of 4/15/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (37 Sundays)
\$101,679.00	\$15,723.75	\$85,955.25	\$2,323.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR MAY 4-9, 2026

Monday - John 16:5-15 - Even before going to the cross, Jesus promises to send the Counselor. He, the Spirit of truth, will show the truth about the world's sin and will glorify the world's Savior (v14).

Tuesday - James 1:16-21 - All good things come from God above, especially our faith in Jesus, which became ours through the word of truth. May we always humbly receive that word, which is able to save our souls.

Wednesday - Isaiah 12:1-6 - The prophet Isaiah looks forward to the day of the Lord's deliverance of His people and sings God's praises in advance! Surely God is the source of their salvation, His praise the theme of their song!

Thursday - Psalm 126 - If Israel can rejoice in deliverance from captivity, surely God's people are filled even more with laughter and shouts of joy over deliverance by Christ from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

Friday - Psalm 82 - God remains the God of representatives who wield His power on the earth (gods). He is the Judge of the judges whose function is to rescue the weak and the needy (v4), as He did in the resurrection!

Saturday - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 - The message of Easter is new life, for in Christ we are all a new creation. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. Let us then be reconciled to Him and live for Him!



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