

Peace  
be with you

JOHN 20:19



## Hope Lutheran Church

April 11, 2021

## Pastor

Jim Helgren

## Organist

## Alberta Block

## Second Sunday of Easter

## Prelude, Welcome Announcements

Opening Hymn (listen) "Children of the Heavenly Father" LBW # 89

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### Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## The Lessons      **Acts 4:32-35**

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### Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

## Gospel John 20:19-31

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day (li)

## Offering/Offertory

## Prayers of the Church

## The Lord's Prayer

### **Benediction & Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn (listen) "He Lives"**

FOG # 299

## Welcome to Hope Lutheran

We are happy to have you worship with us today! Please sign our guest book in the entry if you are visiting.

This morning we welcome Addison Ann into the Kingdom of God through Rite of Baptism. She was born May 6, 2020 to Scott & Lona Watermeier. Her sponsors are Lori & Jess Kirchhoff, Lisa & Luke Reeves, & Dayton Ebert.

### The Calendar

Monday, April 12: Ramadan begins at sundown

Wednesday, April 14: 5:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation

Sunday, April 18: 10:00 Holy Communion Worship

**In Our Prayers:** We remember Bruce Gerking, Ruth Heitbrink & Leta Steinkuhler.

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**FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.<sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.<sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.<sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Psalm 133****SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1—2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.<sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;<sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.<sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.<sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.<sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>21</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if

anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;<sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

In gratitude for the ministry of Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, through whom many congregations in our area were seeded, we are inviting the members of the Rolling Hills Cluster of the Nebraska Synod ELCA to join together to give a monetary gift that will fund the newest seeded mission of our Synod: Church of the Way currently launching in North Lincoln under the leadership of Pastor Ted Carnahan.

Please send your gifts to our Cluster Treasurer, Sandy Smith at P.O. Box 409, Weeping Water, Nebraska, 68463. We will gather these gifts and offer them with prayers of thanksgiving for the ministry of Stone Church and in blessing for the ministry of this new mission. Checks should be addressed to the Rolling Hills Cluster with St. John's Seed Gift in the memo.

We encourage you to offer prayer for the people of St. John's as they approach this moment of holy closure and thanksgiving to God for the legacy of faithful witness that will continue to unfold in years to come.