

*I am the gate
for the sheep*

JOHN 10:7



Hope Lutheran Church

April 30, 2023

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

Alberta Block

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Christ is Risen, Alleluia"

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Hymn of Praise:

**He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord!**

Prayer of the Day

**O God, our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us
to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice,
that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast
prepared in your house, 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

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Psalm 23

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

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Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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In our prayers we remember Bruce Gerking.

Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guestbook in the entry.

Monday, May 1st: May Day

Thursday, May 4th: National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 5th: Cinco de Mayo

Sunday, May 7th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship

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Congratulations to Trey Lubben today as he is confirmed as a member of Hope Lutheran Church. We are proud of your hard work. May God continue to bless your life.

Faith Statement of Trey Richard Thomas Lubben

Parents: David & Emily Lubben

Grandparents: Tom & Gerry Sherman & Judy Lubben & the late Richard Lubben

Date of Birth: August 10, 2009

Baptized: October 18, 2009 at Hope Lutheran Church

Sponsors: Matt Lubben & Angie Buglewicz

Confirmation Verse: “ For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

I believe in God, the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, which is the triune God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in the triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

I believe in the creator of the Father. Also I believe God sent his son to die for us. Also I believe that God created all living and nonliving things.

I believe that he died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sin. Also I believe he died and was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

I believe the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, or sets us apart for God's purposes. He makes us holy through faith in God the Father. I was baptized because my parents had me baptized.

I am being confirmed because I will help out with the congregation and help out, like if no one is doing candies I could step in and do them.

I am attending this church because it is closest to my house and because my grandma, father and mother, and sister all attend this church. Also because I feel loved at this church.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did

not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."