



*Jesus  
showed them his  
hands and  
his feet*

LUKE 24:40



# **Hope Lutheran Church**

**April 14, 2024**

**Pastor**

**Jim Helgren**

**Organist**

**Alberta Block**

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**Third Sunday of Easter**  
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**Prelude, Welcome, Announcements**

**Opening Hymn "He Lives"**

**FOG # 299**

**Call to Worship**

**P: Lead us, we pray Thee, to the grave that is empty, into the garden of Resurrection where we may meet our risen Lord.**

**C: May we never again live as if Thou were dead!**

**P: In Thy presence restore our faith, our hope, our joy.**

**C: Grant to our spirits refreshment, rest, and peace.**

**P: Maintain within our hearts an unruffled calm, an unbroken serenity that no storms of life shall ever be able to take from us.**

**C: From this moment, O living Christ, we ask Thee to go with us wherever we go;**

**P: Be our Companion in all that we do.**

**All: And for this greatest of all gifts, we offer Thee our sacrifices of thanksgiving. Amen –Peter Marshall**

**Prayer of the Day (in unison) 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.**

**The Lessons      Acts 3:12-19**

**Psalm 4**

**1 John 3:1-7**

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**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! Repeat**

**Gospel      Luke 24:36b-48**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day "Christ Arose"**

**FOG # 298**

**Apostles' Creed**

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**Offering/Offertory "I Love to Tell the Story" vrs. 1 & 2    FOG # 619**

**Prayers of the Church-----The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction & Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn "God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again"    FOG # 523**

**In Our Prayers: Carol Speth.**

**We welcome you to worship with us today. If you are a guest  
please sign the guest book in the entry.**

**Monday, April 15th: Tax Day**

**Wednesday, April 17th: 6:00 Confirmation, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Adult  
Ed at Grace**

**Sunday April. 21st: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship,  
communion assistant, Ruth**

**April is Go And...TELL THE STORY!!**

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# Third Sunday of Easter

## FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

[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? <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

## Psalm 4

## SECOND READING: 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>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." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

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