



*Jesus
showed them his
hands and
his feet*

LUKE 24:40

Hope Lutheran Church

April 14, 2024

Pastor

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Organist

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Third Sunday of Easter

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	LBW pg. 216
	Psalm 4	
	1 John 3:1-7	
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		FOG # 298
Hymn of the Day "Christ Arose"		pg. 137
Apostles' Creed		
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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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? ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little 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." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."