

A photograph of a rough, grey stone wall. A large, simple cross is carved into the wall, creating a central opening. Through this opening, a bright, out-of-focus green and yellow light is visible, suggesting a garden or trees. In the bottom left corner, there are some green leaves and white flowers. The text 'Peace be with you' is written in a large, white, serif font across the upper half of the image. Below it, in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, is the text 'JOHN 20:19'.

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JOHN 20:19

Hope Lutheran Church

April 7, 2024

**Pastor
Organist**

**Jim Helgren
Ruth Neeman**

Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

**Opening Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! Alleluia!" LBW # 128
Brief Order of Confession pg. 56**

Greeting & Kyrie

**Hymn of Praise "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Vrs 1 & 4
LBW # 559**

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
Psalm 133 pg. 282
1 John 1:1-2:2**

**Alleluia
Gospel John 2:13-22 pg. 62**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" LBW # 135

Nicene Creed pg. 64

The Prayers

The Peace

Offering / Offertory "I Love To Tell the Story" 1 verse	LBW # 390
Offertory Prayer	pg. 67
The Great Thanksgiving	pg. 68
The Lord's Prayer	pg. 71
"Lamb of God"	pg. 72
Holy Communion	pg. 73
Post Communion Canticle (spoken)	
The Prayer	
Benediction & Dismissal	WOV # 673
Closing Hymn "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"	

Welcome to Hope Lutheran. Visitors please sign our guest book in the entry. As we celebrate Holy Communion, we invite all communing Christians to participate.

In our prayers we remember Carol Speth.

Wednesday, April 10th: 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ, 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, 7:00 p.m. Adult Ed. at Grace, 7:30 p.m. Hope Church Council

Thursday, April 11th: Bible Study-Pastor, we all are hostesses

Sunday, April 14th: 10:00 a.m. Worship

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GO AND...TELL THE STORY!

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. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There 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. ³⁵They 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—²this 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—³we 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. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This 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. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but 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. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

²¹My 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; ²and 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.