

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

JOHN 13:34



Hope Lutheran Church

May 18, 2025

Pastor

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" WOV # 770

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Greeting & Kyrie

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons Acts 11:1-18

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Revelation 21:1-6

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Gospel John 13:31-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LBW # 333

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The Peace

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Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove" LBW # 475

In Our Prayers we remember Carol Speth.

Welcome to Worship we invite all communing Christians to join us in Holy Communion.

We congratulate Jacob Rumery as he confirms his faith in his Affirmation of Baptism this morning. May God continue to bless you.

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 20th & 21st: Pastor gone to Faith Forward meeting

Saturday, May 24th: Memorial Day Lunch 11:00 -1:00

Sunday, May 25th: 10:00 a.m. Worship

MAY IS CULTIVATING LOVE THRU JOY

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Today we celebrate with Jacob Cole Rumery his Affirmation of Baptism. Jacob was born to Mark and Becky Rumery April 19, 2011. He was baptized December 8, 2019 at Hope Lutheran Church. His sponsors are Christopher and Taylor Dankleff.

His Confirmation verses are:

John 3;16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jacob's Faith Statement

I believe God created all living things. I believe that God sent Jesus, the Son of God, to die for us. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for us, so that he could be raised from the dead, so he could bring us the forgiveness of sins. I believe the Holy Spirit gives me faith in Jesus.

I was baptized because I wanted to be so my parents took me to church so I could be baptized. I am being confirmed because I believe in God the Father and how he saved all people with his Son. I am attending Hope Lutheran because this church is where my mother's grandparents attended church here.

Jacob Cole Rumery

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Psalm 148**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9.

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