



Hope Lutheran Church

April 12, 2026

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

Alberta Block

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Second Sunday of Easter
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Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Christ Arose"

FOG # 298

Call to Worship

P: We acknowledge, O Lord, that there is so little in us that is lovable.

C: So often we are not lovely in our thoughts, in our words, or in our deeds. And yet Thou dost love us still. May our hearts be open to that love today.

P: May thy healing invade our inmost hearts, healing sorrow, pain, frustration, defeat and despair.

C: May this day create within us a love for Thee of stronger than vague sentimentality—a love which seeks to know Thy will and do it.

All: So grant that this day of hallowed remembrance may be the beginning of a new way of life for each of us, a new kind of living that shall be the best answer to the confusion and to the challenge of evil in our day. —Peter Marshall FOG pg. 257

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, 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 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

LBW pg. 220

1 Peter 1:3-9

Hymn of Praise "He is Lord"

FOG # 234

Gospel John 20:19-31

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "He Lives"

FOG # 299

Offering/Offertory: We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone. A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Apostle's Creed

FOG pg. 137

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

Benediction & Dismissal

Closing Hymn "To God Be the Glory"

FOG # 363

In Our Prayers: Carol Speth

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

Monday, April 13th: 2:00 Hope & Grace Bible Study at Grace

Wednesday, April 15th: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday, April 19th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, Keith communion assistant

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April 26th St. John's Lutheran, Otoe will celebrate 125 years! Worship is at 10:00 with a free will offering dinner afterwards. Cookbooks are available.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

²²"Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—
²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I
will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my
tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in
hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to
Hades
or let your Holy One experience
corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the
ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness
with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience
corruption.'

³²"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Psalm 16

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9
(not printed)

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

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