



IN MY
FATHER'S
HOUSE

THERE ARE MANY
DWELLING
PLACES

JOHN 14:2

**Hope Lutheran Church
May 3, 2026**

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Rise Up, O Saints of God"

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Greeting & Kyrie

Hymn of Praise: Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! Sing oh Earth, His wonderful love proclaim. Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory. Strength and honor give to His holy name! Like a shepherd Jesus will guard his children. In His arms He carries them all day long. Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness. Praise Him! Him! Praise Him ever in joyful song!

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen

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In our prayers we remember Carol Speth

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.

CONGRATULATIONS...to Harley Lubben as she graduates from Johnson County Central Saturday, May 9th. Blessings to her as she begins a new chapter in her life!

Sunday, May, 10th: 9:00 Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Worship, Mother's Day—the children will sing during Worship.

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FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁵"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁶But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁷Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁸While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁵⁹Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be
put to shame."

⁷This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the
corner,"

⁸and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own

people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

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