



**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER**

Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am

Childcare is available



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

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*Hope Lutheran Church and Student Center is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a community of growing disciples of Jesus Christ who love our neighbors, both near and far. We affirm that everyone is created in the image of God and is deserving of God's love and grace. We recognize that for many people, "church" has not always felt like a welcoming place. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, culture, and age. We embrace differences in relationship status, physical and mental ability, education, income, worldview, and political affiliation. We are committed to the full inclusion of all people in our community and invite you to journey with us toward a deeper faith, mutual respect, greater love and understanding, and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.*

*If you need to leave the sanctuary for any reason, you may view the service from a phone or another device. You are welcome to return to worship for communion, fellowship, or any portion of special interest to you.*

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**Gathering: The Holy Spirit calls us together  
as the people of God.**

**Welcome**

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***All:* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

# ↑ Gathering Hymn 369: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Leader:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***All:* And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day** *(adapted from Creation Justice Ministries)*

*Leader:* Creating God, we who too often lose our way gather today to say,

**All: “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.”**

*Leader:* Holy One, draw us to you and your creation, our sibling. Unite us as your people in worship and in care for the earth and the seas.

**All: Along with all creation we wait for your glory, O God, to be revealed. May we find freedom and healing for our land and water. Amen.**

**Passing the Peace**

*Leader:* The Peace of Christ be with you all.

***All:* And also with you.**

*You may stay in your seat or walk around to greet others, often saying “peace be with you”.*

**Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading,  
preaching and song.**

**Gospel Acclamation (All)**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*Leader:* The Holy Gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel**

**John 10:11-18**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Repeat after the Leader:

**That’s the story of God and God’s people.**

**God, thanks for your story.**

## Dismissal

*Children are welcome to stay or are invited downstairs to continue reflecting on this story.*

## Gospel Acclamation: Halle-Halle-Hallelujah *(music on page 5)*

### ↓ Second Reading      Psalm 23 *(read in conversation, side to side)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life,**

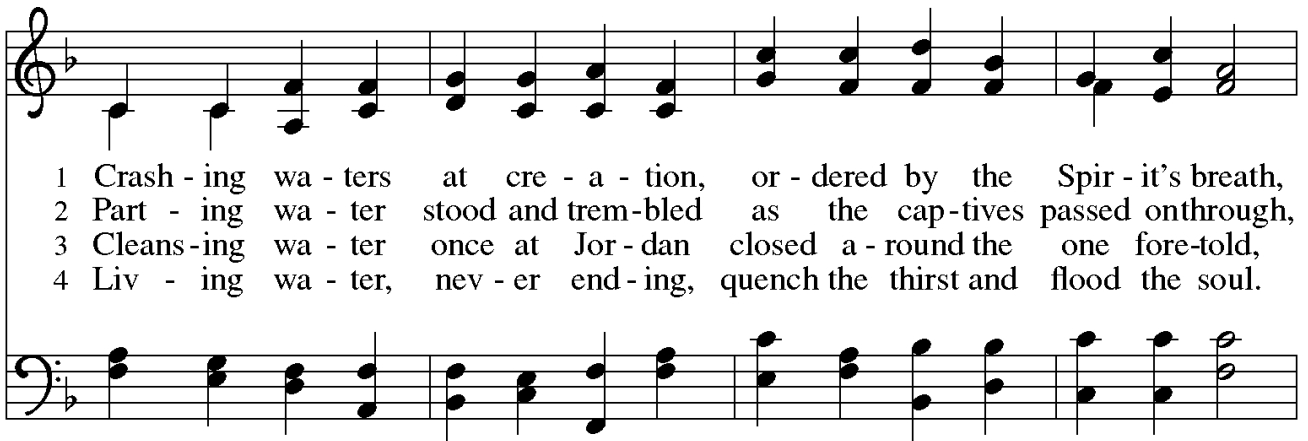
**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

*Leader:* Word of God, Word of Life.

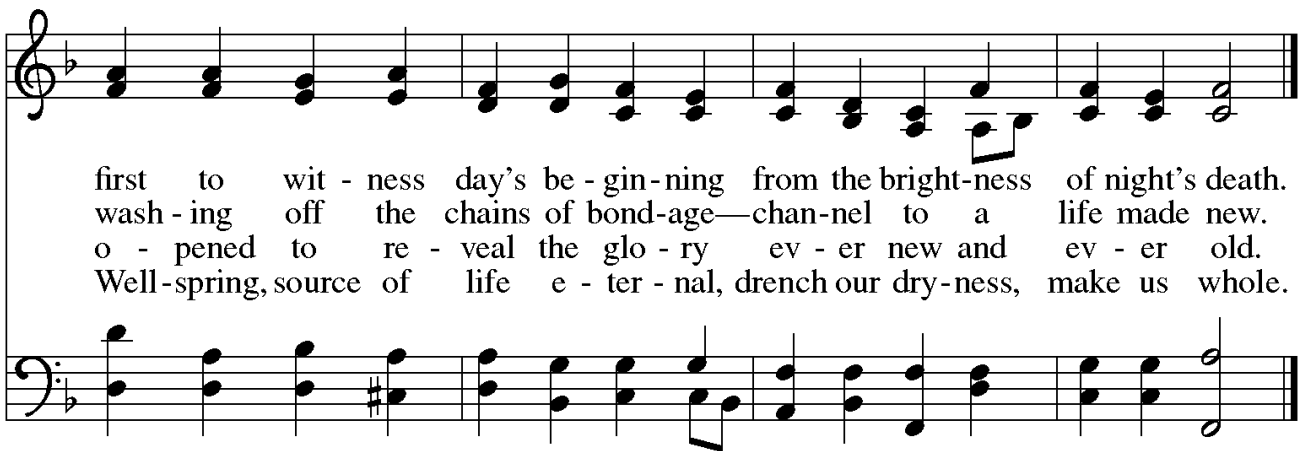
**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

## ↑ Hymn of the Day 455: Crashing Waters at Creation



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed onthrough,  
3 Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor-dan closed a - round the one fore-told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond-age—chan-nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.



*On this Earth Day Sunday we pray for the whole creation. God gathers these in addition to our usual prayers for the whole church and the whole people of God. We will return to wider prayers, including the prayer names, in worship next week.*

### **Prayers of the People**

**BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS** Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, we come before you for your blessing upon the seed, livestock, fields, and all things needed for a bountiful harvest. Grant that these may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Seeds: God you have given us seeds.

**Creating God, you have given seed for the sower and bread to the people. Nourish, protect, and bless the seeds which your people sow in hope. By your loving and bountiful giving, may they bring forth their fruit in due season, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Prayer for the Soil: God you have created and given us soil.

**Giver of life, we give you thanks that in the richness of the soil, nature awakens your call to spring. We praise you for the smell of freshly tilled earth, awakening blossoms, budding trees, the beauty of a cleanly sown field, and the freshness of new grass. We ask that you help us to be good stewards of the land. Bless the soil to bear bountifully, in the name of the one who gives us new life, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Prayer for Water and Rain: God, water is your creation.

**Sustaining God, we receive the snows and the rains from you. We give you thanks for the smell of the earth after rain, for its welcome cooling, and its necessary hydration for the land. We ask that the rain come as often as it is needed so crops may flourish and the coming harvest be indeed bountiful, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Prayer for the Animals: God, the animals of the field are yours.

**Caring God, who created all beasts and cattle in a wonderful order and gave them into our care, make us good shepherds of all your creatures. We ask for knowledge to care properly for the animals you have given us, that they may be strengthened and free from disease, in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Blessing of the Sower and Producers: God, the sowers and producers are yours.

**We pray for all who care for the earth and its creatures, the water, and air that the riches of your creation may abound from generation to generation... Creator God, you make the grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate. You give work as a gift for humans to participate in your creative activities on earth. You call us to produce from the land and your creatures, essential elements for nourishment and health for all. Bless all labor and grant wisdom, safety and a feeling of satisfaction in work. Enlighten us with faith to know your gracious purpose in rain or shine, fruitful work or breakdowns, is to serve you for your glory and give you thanks in all things. Amen.**

## ⇩ Announcements

### Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus

#### Offering Music

During this time of musical offering:

*Those worshiping online may make offerings on Hope's website: ([www.hopecp.org](http://www.hopecp.org)) - look on the red top bar for the word "Donate." You may also give by text at 844-904-1808.*

*For those worshiping with us in person, we pass the offering basket. You may also continue giving online or by text.*

*At this time, children in childcare are invited upstairs for communion.*

#### Kids' Message

## ↑ Opening Communion Song: Ya-rabba ssalami

*We sing this song of peace from Palestine, in both Arabic and English, praying for peace around the world. We know that many Lutheran Churches in Palestine sing this song each week in worship, including the church in Jerusalem where Hope has connections. Children, families, and anyone interested are invited forward to stand or kneel at the railing as we bless communion.*



Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a - lay - na ssa - lam,  
God of peace, in your wis - dom give us the will to seek peace;

ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na sa - lam.  
God of peace and of heal - ing, fill with your peace ev - ery heart!

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **↓ Our Communion Practices**

*Everyone is welcome to participate in communion. Today Hope offers bread, juice for dipping, prefilled juice cups with wafers, and pre-filled juice cups with a gluten-free wafer. You may choose to receive bread only and/or one of the cup options. Any version of communion carries the full power of communion. If you prefer not to receive elements, you may cross your arms over your chest for a no-contact, verbal blessing. You are invited forward to stand or kneel at the railing; after those who wish to come forward receive, servers will bring communion to those who prefer to stay in your seats.*

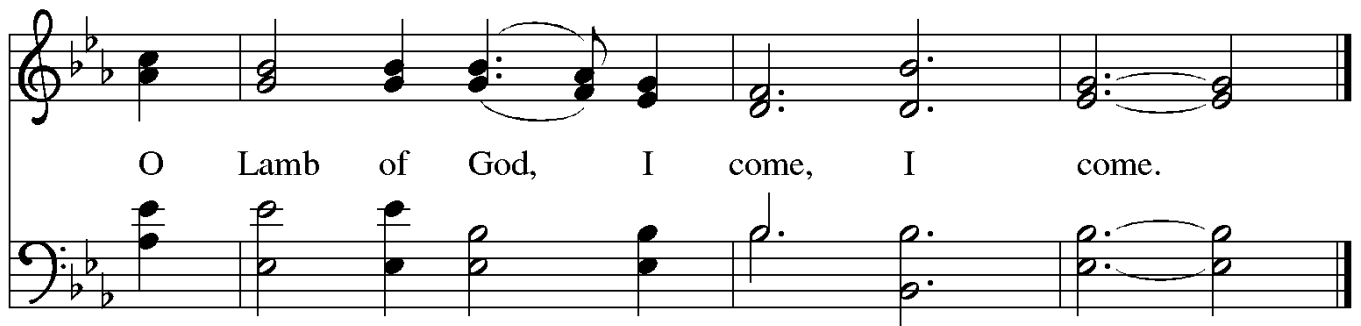
## Communion Hymn 592 Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

↑ **Blessing**

# Sending: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

## Sending Blessing and Amen Song (Songs of Zion #147)

As you go from this place:

May God bless you and keep you. (sung AMEN)

May God's face shine on you with grace and mercy. (sung AMEN)

May God look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. (sung AMEN AMEN AMEN)

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system has two measures of music. The vocal line lyrics are "A - men, A - men," and the bass line lyrics are "A - men, A - men, Have mer - cy!". The second system has two measures of music. The vocal line lyrics are "A - men, A - men, A - men." followed by a first ending bracket and "men." followed by a second ending bracket. The bass line lyrics are "A - men, A - men, A - men. Sing it o - ver now, men.".

# Sending Hymn 536: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up-hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho-ly wings se-cure-ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per-ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en-fold you;  
 dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 put un-fail-ing arms a-round you;

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet a-gain,

meet at Je-sus' feet; till we meet, till we  
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a-gain.  
 meet a-gain,



## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **↓ Postlude**

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

† **Presiding Minister:** Pastor Julie

† **Preaching Minister:** Pastor Ray

† **Assisting Minister:** Paul

† **Lector:** Jennifer

† **Usher:** Paulette

† **Offering Counter:** Pat and an onsite volunteer

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## **Announcements**

**Hope Leadership Update:** Due to ongoing health challenges, Hope Council has received the resignation of Marianne M; we continue to pray for Marianne in her work with doctors and specialists. Hope council has appointed Steve M to continue Marianne's term, through December 2024, and eligible for re-election. Please reach out to any member of council with questions; and please continue to pray for their household.

**Hope Property Next Steps:** Hope's property process is nearing the next phase of sharing, education, and a congregational vote. Watch for updates in the coming weeks about a finalized Purchase and Sales Agreement (PSA) and how you can learn more about this document and the process overall. This is not the final sale, but if approved, does authorize the developer to take steps towards the final sale. Thanks to Hope's council and the many volunteers who have worked with Hope's lawyer and architect to negotiate the details of this PSA.

**Sunday Stream Clean Up:** Today, **April 21**, from 3-5pm join a group from Humble Walk in cleaning up the stream outside Hope. They have all the materials and training you will need to collect trash, and maybe even remove invasive species. Caring for the stream closest to our property is just one tangible way to care for God's creation.

**UMD Opera: Florencia en el Amazonas:** Today, **April 21**. Our own Rhys B has supported this opera and warmly invites us to attend. He will be running super-titles, so anyone can follow along (no Spanish language skills required). Learn more and buy tickets here: <https://theclarice.umd.edu/events/2024/florencia-en-el-amazonas-maryland-opera-studio>. If you attend, you'll likely see other Hope folks who regularly attend the operas; do tell Rhys you're coming as well.

**Service of Healing Prayer:** Next Sunday, **April 28**, Hope's morning worship service will include special prayers for healing. Attend yourself, and invite anyone for whom these collective and individual prayers may be especially meaningful. Talk to Pastor Julie for more information.

**Holy Hike in Celebration of Creation:** On Saturday, **May 4** at 10am, join a group from Hope in prayer and time outdoors. The group will gather at Franciscan Monastery, 1400 Quincy St NE, DC, <https://myfranciscan.org/> for an opening prayer, have time to explore gardens and woods independently, and regather for closing reflections. Watch for details or talk with Mark D for more information.

**Humble Walk Graduation Gala:** On Monday, **May 20** Lutheran Campus Ministry's annual graduation gala will take place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church from 3-5pm. Come out to support the students as they step into a new phase of life! This is always an inspiring time to hear how campus ministry has impacted students' lives and what they are up to next.

**Dinner and Faith Conversation with a Humble Walk Student:** Humble Walk is inviting students and other adults to have 1:1 dinners, sharing about life, faith, calling and career. The hope is that through these conversations students hear that (1) God loves them no matter what job or career they choose, and (2) Different ways that Christians understand that God is present and has called them to their job/career. Campus ministry has received a grant, so the dinner is paid for by them. If you are interested to meet with a student and share faith and career stories, sign up at the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZ--i7-9\\_9dsEO0ZJNvIZ0iSimDvMsnWFAjPT3MOKNX4EnLw/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZ--i7-9_9dsEO0ZJNvIZ0iSimDvMsnWFAjPT3MOKNX4EnLw/viewform?pli=1)

## **What's Happening at Hope**

### **Today**

9:45am: Choir Rehearsal

10:30am: Earth Day Easter Worship

3-5pm: Friends of Guilford Run stream clean up

5-7pm: Humble Walk meal and worship service for students

### **This Week**

Tuesday, April 23: **NO** Quilters of Hope

### **Looking Ahead**

Saturday, May 4, 10am: Holy Hike at Franciscan Monastery,  
1400 Quincy St NE, DC

Sunday, May 5, 10:30am: Easter Season Lively Worship

Friday, May 10, 7:30pm: movies@hope presents "Late Spring" in person  
at Hope

Tuesday, May 14, 10am-noon: Quilters of Hope meet at Hope

Monday, May 20, 3-5pm: Humble Walk Graduation Gala at St Andrews  
Episcopal Church, College Park

Tuesday, May 21, noon-3pm: Hope serves lunch at PG Day Center

Tuesday, May 28, 10am-noon: Quilters of Hope meet at Hope

Wednesday, May 29, 7:30pm: Hope Council Meeting

### **Our Core Values: We are...**

*Welcoming,*

*Growing Disciples who Lead,*

*Loving our Neighbors,*

*Near and Far.*