



Third Sunday of Easter  
Contemporary Service + 9:00 a.m.  
April 14, 2024



**We Come Before God And Open Our Hearts**

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**Gathering Song**

“All Who Are Thirsty”

**Welcome and Announcements**

- Pastor Bob Quaintance

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

In 1 John 1:9, God's Word says, If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We pause for a moment of personal reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have hidden in fear and done what is comfortable instead of following your call. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. On Easter evening Jesus came to the disciples behind locked doors. He breathed into them the Holy Spirit and gave them the authority to forgive sin. By his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**We Worship God Through Song**

*Please join in singing all the songs with our Worship Team.  
Song words are displayed on the screen.*

“Jesus Name Above All Names”

## Opening Prayer

- Al Fiore

God of abundance, you make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread and reveal to us the mystery of your life death and resurrection through the scriptures. Embolden us to live our lives in ways that bear witness to who we are — one in Christ Jesus our Lord; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

## We Hear God's Word & A Message

### First Reading

Acts 3:11-21

- Jon Williamson

<sup>11</sup>While {the man who was healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

<sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

### Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

- Stephen Ley

<sup>36</sup>As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Children's Message

Pastor Bob

### Message

“I Have a Story to Tell”

## We Respond With Confession of Faith, Offering & Prayer

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

### **Offering Prayer**

#### **Prayers**

*When Prayer Leader Says: Lord, in Your mercy,*

*Please Respond With: **HEAR OUR PRAYER***

#### **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Greet one another with "Peace be with you" or similar words.*

## Jesus Welcomes Us To His Banqueting Table

### **Eucharist Prayer, Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer**

#### **Communion**

*During Holy Communion, we welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who accept the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament; believing the words of Jesus, "Take, eat, this is My body... this is My blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."*

*Please come down the center aisle, following the praise and media teams, and return to your pew down the side aisle. Pastor will drop a wafer in your hand and a communion assistant will hand you a glass of wine. Place your glass in the basket by the side aisle. If you prefer white grape juice, let the assistant know.*

Communion Song

"All Honour"

#### **Blessing**

#### **Benediction**

## Take The Love of Christ Into The World

#### **Closing Song**

"Praise To You, O God of Mercy"

#### **Call to Mission**

God calls the people of Good Hope Lutheran Church

**to be His disciples, to proclaim Jesus Christ as the focus of life,  
and to share His hope and love with all.**

#### **Dismissal**

*When You hear: Go in Peace; Serve the Lord*  
*Please Respond With: **THANK YOU, GOD, FOR EVERYTHING***

**Postlude** "From the Inside Out"

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### **Additional Scripture Readings**

Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7

### **Serving This Morning**

Lead Guitar & Vocals	Al Fiore	Multi Media Team
Bass Guitar	Dohn Flick	Donna Flick, Elaine Holdt
Percussion and Vocals	Stephen Ley	Matt Pagac, Mike Summers
Guitar	Jon Williamson	Daniel Polonus, Katie Biggs,
Worship Assistant	Gregg Sturrus, Greg Maurer	Ben Polonus
Pastor	Bob Quaintance	

### **Altar Flowers**

Given to the Glory of God by Terry Tueche in memory of his sister  
Lynn and her husband Harry.

Given to the glory of God by Dave and Alice Chapman in honor of the  
birth of their newest granddaughter.