

# *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

April 28, 2024 10 am

*We don't change the message, the message changes us*



Please sign Fellowship Book today.

## *Hope Lutheran Chapel*

5709 Osage Beach Parkway, Osage Beach, MO 65065  
*Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*

10 a.m. Indoor Communion Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

Rev. Guillaume J.S. Williams, Sr.

Church Office ~ 573-348-2108

Alternate Number ~ 573-286-3427

Email: [office@HopeLutheranChapel.org](mailto:office@HopeLutheranChapel.org)

Website: [www.hopelutheranchapel.org](http://www.hopelutheranchapel.org)

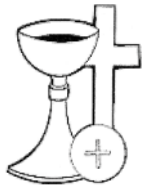


**WE WELCOME** you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are invited to open your heart to God's Word in Scripture, Sermon, and Song. Please sign our Record of Fellowship at each end of the open pews. **You are Always welcome here – this is your Father's House!** As we worship, we stand for some parts of the Liturgy. However, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.  
PLEASE ASK THE USHER IF YOU NEED ONE.**

**A cry room is available** for fussy babies.

**God Bless your worship with us!**



**Hope Lutheran Chapel Communion Statement:** If you are a confirmed member in good standing of a LCMS or an AALC congregation, are repentant of your sins, and believe Jesus gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins in the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. (I Cor. 11:17-32) For Lutherans, receiving the Lord's Supper, is an action of the celebrating community, signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. (I Cor. 10:14-22, 11:18-19, 26; Eph. 4:2-6) If you are a visitor from another Christian Church body or other faith, we welcome you to our service. As a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity we cannot extend to you a general invitation to the Lord's Supper. Reception of the Lord's Supper by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray. If you are a visitor and not sure whether or not you should commune, please speak with the Pastor, Elder, or Usher before the service.

**Communion Note:** For those who need assistance with the cup please hold out your hand and the Elder will hand it to you. Please place cup in buckets at end of rail when finished.

**SANITIZER/WIPES ARE LOCATED AT THE END OF AISLE FOR THE HAND RAILS. Trashcans for wipes are at end of ramp.**

**If it is difficult for you to kneel at the rail, please feel free to remain standing.**

## ORGAN PRELUDE

**P** HE IS RISEN!

**C** HE IS RISEN INDEED, HALLELUJA!

### Opening Hymn ~ Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb,

Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,

Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread,

Giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

Refrain

3 Jesus the vine,

We are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth,

Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me.

Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone;

Sorrow, be silent:

Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing:

“O grave, be open!”

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Refrain

5 City of God,

Easter forever,

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life,

Saints and archangels,

Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

Text: © 1995 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003440

## DIVINE SERVICE - Setting Four

p203

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

*Stand*

### Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### INTROIT

*Ps. 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

**P** A little while, and you will see me no longer;

**C** and again a little while, and you will see me.

**P** I will extol you, my God and King,

**C** and bless your name forever and ever.

**P** Every day I will bless you

**C** and praise your name forever and ever.

**P** The Lord is gracious and merciful,

**C** slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**P** All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

**C** and all your saints shall bless you!

**P** My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

**C** and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,**

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** A little while, and you will see me no longer;
- C** and again a little while, and you will see me.

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

p205

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☪ Amen.**

*Sit*

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us  
Acts 8:26–40 ~ 1 John 4:1–11 (12–21) ~ John 15:1–8

“God is love,” and He has manifested Himself to us by sending “his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, “he has given us of his Spirit,” so that we also believe and confess “that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.” In this way, we “abide in him and he in us,” and we “love one another” (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip’s preaching of “the good news about Jesus” to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when “they came to some water,” the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into “the true vine,” Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He “bears much fruit” in us (John 15:3–5).

## FIRST LESSON

*Acts 8:26-40*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go south to the road going from Jerusalem down to Gaza.” It is a deserted road. He got up and went. Here there was a man from Ethiopia, a eunuch and high official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasures. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was on his way home, sitting in his chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah. The Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to that chariot and keep close to it.” Philip ran up to it and there heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. “Do you understand what you're reading?” he asked. “Why, how can I without someone to guide me?” he asked, and he urged Philip to come up and sit with him. This was the part of the Bible he was reading: *He will be led away like a sheep to be slaughtered, and as a lamb is dumb before the man who cut off her wool, so He will not open His mouth. When He humbles Himself, His condemnation will be taken away. Who will describe the people of His time? His life will be cut off from the earth.* “I ask you,” the eunuch said to Philip, “about whom is the prophet talking—himself or someone else?” Then Philip spoke. Starting with this statement of the Bible, he told him the good news of Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water. “Here is water,” the eunuch said. “What keeps me from being baptized?” He ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch stepped down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they had stepped out of the water, the Lord's Spirit suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch, going happily on his way, didn't see him again. But Philip found himself in Ashdod. He went through all the towns, bringing

them the good news.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C** he has put all things under his feet.

## EPISTLE LESSON

*1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)*

Dear friends, don't believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God. Many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize God's Spirit: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God. And any spirit who doesn't confess this Jesus isn't from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist which you heard is coming, and here it is already in the world. Children, you are God's family, and you have won a victory over these men because He Who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. These men belong to the world. That is why they speak the thoughts of the world, and the world listens to them. We are God's children. Anyone who knows God listens to us. Anyone who is not God's child will not listen to us. In this way we can tell what is the spirit of truth and what is the spirit of error. Dear friends, let us love one another because love comes from God and everyone who loves is God's child and knows God. He who doesn't love hasn't learned to know God, because God is Love. God has shown us His love by sending His only-begotten Son into the world for us to live through Him. This is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the payment for our sins. Dear friends, if that's how God loved us, then we should love one another. No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God lives in us, and His love has accomplished in us what He wants. This is how we know we live in Him and He in us: He has given us His Spirit. We have seen and can tell the truth that the Father sent His Son to save the world. If you confess Jesus is God's Son, God lives in you and you in God. And we have come to know and believe the love God has for us. God is Love, and if you live in love, you live in God, and God lives in you. His love has accomplished what He wants when we can look ahead confidently to the day of judgment because we are what He is in this world. Such love isn't terrified, but the finest love throws out terror. We are terrified by punishment, and if we're terrified, our love isn't at its best. We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he's a liar. If anyone

doesn't love his brother whom he has seen, he can't love God Whom he hasn't seen. And this is the order He gave us: If you love God, love your brother.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse thru Holy Gospel** *p205 and 206 - Rom. 6:9; John 20:29b*

**C** Alleluia.

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL LESSON**

*John 15:1-8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter

**C** Glory to You, O Lord

“I am the true Vine, and My Father takes care of the vineyard. He cuts away any branch of Mine that bears no fruit, and He trims any branch that bears fruit to make it bear more fruit. What I have said to you has already made you clean. Stay in Me, and I will stay in you. A branch can't bear any fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine. Neither can you if you don't stay in Me. I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you stay in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit, for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone doesn't stay in Me, he's thrown away like a branch and dries up. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you stay in Me and My words stay in you, ask for anything you want, and it will be done for you. You glorify My Father when you bear much fruit and show yourselves to be My disciples.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **NICENE CREED**

*p206 or back cover of LSB*

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,



begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.  
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day** ~ *Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*

*LSB 865*

- 1 Lord, help us ever to retain  
 The Catechism's doctrine plain  
 As Luther taught the Word of truth  
 In simple style to tender youth.
- 2 Help us Your holy Law to learn,  
 To mourn our sin and from it turn  
 In faith to You and to Your Son  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One.
- 3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray  
 For needed help from day to day

That as Your children we may live,  
Whom You baptized and so received.

- 4 Lord, when we fall or go astray,  
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;  
And through the Sacrament increase  
Our faith till we depart in peace.

*Text: Public domain*

## Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds  
in Christ Jesus.

**C Amen.**

*Organ Interlude as Pastor unveils sacraments*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

- P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

*Sanctus (Sing)*

*p208*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You . . . Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

*p209*

**C Our Father who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
 Amen.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ . . . in remembrance of Me.”

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei (Sing)**

*p210*

**C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world away;  
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world away;  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## **Distribution Hymns**

### ***Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord***

**LSB 637**

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
 And drink the holy blood for you  
 outpoured;  
 Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
 Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry  
 whole,  
 Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and  
 shields,  
 To all believers life eternal yields;

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts  
 sincere,  
 And take the pledges of salvation here.  
 O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks  
 endow  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

*Public domain*

### ***Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness***

**LSB 636**

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
 Come into the daylight's splendor,

There with joy your praises render.  
 Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
 This amazing banquet founded;

He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.

3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were  
proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,

© 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Used by permission: *LSB Hymn License .NET*, no.  
100011612.

*Public domain*

Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

# Nunc Dimittis thru Benediction

p211 and p212



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Stand

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You . . . now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn ~ Abide, O Dearest Jesus**

*LSB 919*

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.

4 Abide with richest blessings  
Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.

5 Abide with Your protection  
Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length.

3 Abide with heav'nly brightness  
Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error's gloomy night.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.

*Text: Public domain*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.**

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join us in the downstairs fellowship hall  
for refreshments following service today.



**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE** can be heard every Sunday (on a week delay basis)  
from 8:30-9:00 am on **KRMS 1150 AM** and **103.3, 97.5 FM Radio**. If  
you would like to help sponsor this broadcast, place your contribution in a  
designated gift offering envelope marked "Radio Broadcast". *You can also tune into  
89.3 FM at any time to listen to one of our previous services.*

## ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

A topical study in Deuteronomy led by Pastor will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall following service today.

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Apr. 28	Sunday	Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27	Luke 11:37-54
Apr. 29	Monday	Lev. 21:1-24	Luke 12:1-12
Apr. 30	Tuesday	Lev. 23:1-22	Luke 12:13-34
May. 1	Wednesday	Lev. 23:23-44	Luke 12:35-53
May. 2	Thursday	Lev. 24:1-23	Luke 12:54-13:17
May. 3	Friday	Lev. 26:1-20	Luke 13:18-35
May. 4	Saturday	Lev 26:21-33, 39-44	Luke 14:1-24
May. 5	Sunday	Num. 3:1-16, 39-48	Luke 14:25-15:10

### HOPE WEEKLY ANCHOR

April 28, 2024

#### IN OUR PRAYERS:

Steve Bauer  
Donna Beeman  
Emma Beeman  
Ron Beeman  
DeDe Bradford  
Stella Cardin  
Kinsly Coonce  
Tre Conner  
Kellie Diaz  
Jane Hale  
Donovan Hill

Dylan Hill  
Jean Hilleman  
Karen Kiel  
Jennifer Klann  
John Kretzschmar  
Charles Kropp  
Jerol Laughlin  
Irene Merchant  
Betty Merli  
Doris Meyer  
Cody Myers

Jackie Onstott  
Ken and Sandra Pohlmann  
Joanne Scanlon  
Gene Scheiter  
Darlene and Ron Schmitt  
Marta Szabo  
Debbie Thompson  
Von Vogt  
Pastor Williams  
Mary Young

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Alan and Kathy Wiese.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

4/26 Christina Williams  
4/26 Jeff Zelms

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION



DURING APRIL our Sunday School offerings will benefit our Swaddling Clothes Program. Please place your offerings in the jar or basket during the Sunday School hour.

### ***LCMS Stewardship Ministry Generosity Thoughts***

John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.



### ***THIS WEEK AT HOPE***

April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
		11:00 am	Fellowship
		11:20 am	Sunday School for all ages

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	10:00 am	Prayer Service
		1:00 pm	Thrivent Meeting - Fellowship Hall

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
		11:00 am	Fellowship
		11:20 am	Sunday School for all ages

Secretary’s hours: Mon - Fri ~ 8 am - Noon

Pastor’s office hours: Mon - Thurs ~ 9 am - Noon

### ***Those Who Serve***

	<b><i>Today</i></b>	<b><i>May 5<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Elder</i></b>	Mike Merchant	Mike Merchant
<b><i>Preparing the Altar</i></b>	Carol Zelms	Sonja Howard
<b><i>Preparing the Candles</i></b>	Chuck Kiel	Sonja Howard
<b><i>Counters</i></b>	Alan and Kathy Wiese	Jerol Laughlin and Anita Topel
<b><i>Greeters</i></b>	Jerol Laughlin	