



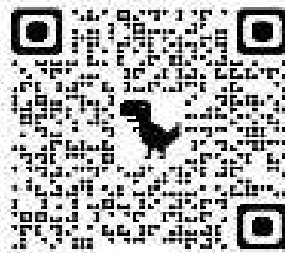
# Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here!

**New Hope's mission is to discover, experience, and share God's  
love  
with our hearts, hands and voices**

As followers of Christ, we will:

- encourage a spiritual journey
- celebrate the diversity and gifts that each person brings
- learn from each other
- engage with the world around us



# Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

## April 5, 2026

### Call to Worship:

*please stand as you are able and read responsively*      *P = Pastor*      *C = Congregation*

P: We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said:

**C: I have seen the Lord!**

P: We are here on this Easter morning because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:

**C: Peace be with you, receive the Holy Spirit!**

P: We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried:

**C: My Lord and My God!**

P: We are here like Peter, tempted to forget the call of Jesus!

**C: I'm going fishing!**

P: We're here this morning because of Jesus, who asks us face-to-face

**C: Do you truly love me?**

P: We gather here to whisper timidly

**C: Yes, Lord, you know that we love you**

P: We are here as a congregation because many faithful disciples have listened to Jesus' words

**C: Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, Go and tell! Jesus has been raised. He has risen indeed!**

**Please join in singing : ELW 365 (v 1-2) (Red) Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

P: Join me in praying together:

**C: Living God, there is joy and hope in our hearts today. There is new life in the world today, because of your great and glorious love. Continue to roll away the stones that would separate us from your light and raise us to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Please be seated*

Holy Baptism – April 5, 2026

**Alexander Lugo – Born November 24, 2024**

Child of Ariel Allen & Jose Lugo

Sponsors: Flor Batres and David Otto

**Baptism**

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Alexander Lugo baptized into Christ?

Parents/Sponsors: **We do**

As you bring Alexander to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: As a congregation, together with Alexander's family and sponsors, let us confess our faith:

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

### **Baptism of Alexander**

P: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Alexander with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

P: Alexander, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C Amen.**

## Welcome

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome Alexander.

**C We welcome you, Alexander, into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Please join in singing together: ELW 732 (Red) *Borning Cry***

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."
  
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun."
  
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold."

Come Holy Spirit and speak to us through the scripture readings,

### **The First Reading is from the 10th Chapter of Acts**

*Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying

**Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

## **The Second Reading is from the 15th Chapter of 1 Corinthians.**

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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## **The Gospel Reading is from the 28th Chapter of Matthew**

*Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped

him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you Oh Christ.**

**Easter Message:**

**Pastor Jeff Swanson**

**Please join in singing: What The Lord Has Done In Me (Green 3)**

Let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich  
Let the blind say I can see, it's what the Lord has done in me

**Chorus**

Hosanna hosanna, to the Lamb that was slain  
Hosanna hosanna, Jesus died and rose again

Into the river I will wade, there my sins are washed away  
From the heaven's mercy stream, of the Savior's love for me **Chorus**

I will rise from waters deep, into the saving arms of God  
I will sing salvation songs, Jesus Christ has set me free **Chorus**

**Prayers for this Resurrection Day:**

*The assisting minister will lead us in prayer, please respond between petitions with:*

**Christ is Risen. I am Risen. We are Risen.**

**Sharing God's Peace:**

The God of love and peace be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Our Offerings to God** in gratitude to God we return a part of what he has given us as an offering realizing that all we have is God's. The offering that is gathered is for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need locally and worldwide. Offerings can be placed in the plate, dropped off into our mail slot, arranged by bill pay at your financial institution or we have online giving available below.

### Giving QR Code



**Enjoy the special music as the gifts are gathered.**

*After the gifts are gathered, please stand as you are able and join in singing.*

**Please stand as you are able and join in singing together:**

**ELW 172 (Red) Halle, halle, Hallelujah**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

### Offering Prayer

May the joy of new life invade our world and our lives today, stirring in us the desire to bring about life in all that we do. May your love and life shine through the gifts we now offer and may you continue to move in and through us as we seek to be blessings in a world longing for joy, peace, love and life. **Amen**

### The Meal

**Communion** Jesus, who gladly ate with tax collectors and sinners, now invites you exactly as you are to this holy meal. Come share in the bread and wine that is Jesus' very self. All is made ready for you.

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us join together praying as Jesus taught us:

**C** 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 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

### Invitation To Communion

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

### Communion Distribution

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say; The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. Each person may respond, Amen. The wine is red and grape juice is the lighter color. Gluten free bread is available upon request. Place your empty cups in the baskets on the side. During the distribution, please join in singing:*

**Please be seated and join in singing together during the distribution:  
ELW 376 (Red) Thine Is The Glory**

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son  
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom  
let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life  
life is naught without thee, aid us in our strife  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love  
bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above. *Refrain*

**Prayer of Thanks**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Please stand as you are able and join in singing together:  
ELW 857 (Red) Lord I Lift Your Name On High**

Lord I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us  
You came from heaven to earth, to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

**Benediction**

*Please stand as you are able*

Please join in singing the **Sending Song**

***Brothers, sisters, all are we part of God's great family.  
As we go from this place, may God keep us in His grace.  
May God keep us in His grace.***

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

We are so glad you worshipped here today and invite you again. If you are looking  
for a faith family, we invite you to consider New Hope

## Serving Today:

Ministers	Every Member and Friend
Presiding	Pastor Jeff Swanson
Music Director	Gail Manago
Worship Assistant	Karen Miller
Reader	George Drake
Ushers	Angie Gifford & Ricki Opperman
Tech Team	Kathy Brosch, Debbie Strom, Jeff Strom
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Song Leaders	Susan Hernandez, Martina Jackson, Christine Swan

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## Serving April 12 – Pastor Jeff Swanson

**Readings for April 12:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David,*  
Psalm 16 *In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11), 1 Peter 1:3-9 *New birth to a living hope**  
*through the resurrection, John 20:19-31 *Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ**

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**We Are Sent Into The World To Share What Has Been Given To Us**

Christ  
is  
Risen!

## Hidden with Christ

Easter turns the world upside down. It defies our expectations with hiddenness and bluntness: Mary does not recognize the resurrected Jesus (John 20:14), the good news is heralded by an earthquake and terrifying angels and is brought to the women of the church first, rather than to the Twelve (Matt. 28:1-10). The radical reversals prophesied in scripture and revealed in Christ's life and ministry culminate in the good news we proclaim today: Christ, through death, has triumphed over death. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone" (Ps. 118:22). Easter offers the mystical possibility of transformation in every moment. In this season, what is dying and what is being born? For our communities? For our families? For our world? What is breaking open like a seed to die (John 12:24) so that new life might thrive? The theme is framed candidly in Colossians: "You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). In the season of Easter, we are invited to allow old husks to fall away so that Christ's new life may emerge. This part of the resurrection story is strange, unsettling. We are invited, after all, to share fully in Christ's death as well as his resurrection (Rom. 6:5; 2 Cor. 4:10-11). Terrifying, but in the mystery of the Holy Spirit's work in us, we receive it as hope (1 Peter 1:3). On this Easter day, we are honest about how God is stirring us to transformation, and we may be called to faithfully lament the letting go. Almost simultaneously, as we embody Christ's resurrection in the present, we celebrate it with great joy (Matt. 28:8). In our desire to be hidden in Christ's abundant life (John 10:10), we can even name seasons of suffering as Christ's resurrection emerging (Phil. 3:10).



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