

Sunday, April 27, 2025 ~ Finding Hope

Prelude	<i>“Rattle”</i> <i>“Because He Lives”</i>	Screen Screen
Welcome and Announcements		
Opening Prayer		Pastor Matt Cordes
Welcome Song	<i>“Holy Spirit Come”</i>	Screen
Confession and Forgiveness		Screen
Sharing the Peace		
Prayer of the Day		
All: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.		
Special Music	<i>“Every Morning is Easter Morning”</i>	KOK, Praise & 5-8 Choirs
Noisy Offering		
First Reading	Revelation 1:4-8	
Gospel Reading	John 20:19-31	
Sermon		Pastor Matt Cordes
Special Music	<i>“Still Waters”</i>	Maggie & Brendon Butkiewicz
Prayers of God’s People	Response is “Your Mercy is Great”	
Offering	<i>“God With Us”</i>	Screen
Holy Communion	All are Welcome to the Lord’s Table!	
Communion Song	<i>“Remembrance”</i>	Screen
Blessing & Benediction		
P: People of Hope, our Mission is to: ALL: Gather in Faith, Grow in Grace, and Go forth in Service! Thanks be to God!		
Closing Song	<i>“Raise a Hallelujah”</i>	Screen

First Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. ⁷ “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Gospel

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” ²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.