

The Anchor

Hope Lutheran Church "Pointing to Christ...Hope for the Home" March 29, 2026

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This Week at Hope Lutheran

SUNDAY **March 29, 2026-Palm Sunday**

8AM Holy Communion
 9:30AM Sunday School
 9:30AM Adult Bible Study
 10:45AM Holy Communion
Kids Music Program
 6:30PM **Confirmation Class**

TUESDAY

11AM Ladies Bible Study
 6PM **Board of Early Childhood Ministry Meeting**

WEDNESDAY—NO WORSHIP SERVICES

THURSDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7PM Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

Hope & HLECC Offices Closed

12 NOON Worship Service
 7PM Worship Service

SATURDAY

HOLY SATURDAY

8:30-10AM Youth-Set Up for Easter Breakfast
 7PM Holy Saturday Service

SUNDAY

April 5, 2026-Easter Sunday

6:30AM Sunrise Service
7:30-9AM Easter Breakfast
 9AM Easter Service
 10:45AM Easter Service

Fruits of Our Faith

Week of March 22, 2026: \$6,633.45
 Worshipped: 244

Birthdays:

March 29th Jan Emmendorfer
 March 31st Laurie Edwards
 April Timothy Fischer
 April 4th Peter Heaviside
 April 4th Dan McKelvey

Anniversaries:

April 1st Roy & Donna Rickmann



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday	7PM
Good Friday	12 Noon & 7PM
Holy Saturday	7PM
Easter Sunday	6:30AM, 9AM, & 10:45AM



Easter Breakfast

Hope's Youth Invite You to
 Hope Lutheran's Annual
 Easter Breakfast
 April 5, 2026
 7:30-9AM
 A gift to the congregation in celebration
 of Christ's Resurrection!



Thank You to everyone who helped and donated for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Hope welcomed kids and their families, and had a wonderful time with all who attended! The Board of Evangelism has a request, if you are out shopping after Easter, please pick up Easter clearance baskets and stuffed animals.

Hope Lutheran could use them for the next year to share with the kids that attend the Egg Hunt. As you pick up Easter clearance items, feel free to drop them off at Hope in the Friendship Room.

Thank You!

The Evangelism Committee:
 Cheryl Woodruff, Co Chair
 Savaunna Hoffmeister Williams, Co Chair
 Elaine Andree
 Janet Lammert
 Sharon Wagstaff
 Pat Weiss

Easter Food Basket Time!
 The Benevolent Committee is delivering food baskets this Tuesday, March 31st. Please turn in your donations today.

Direct your
**Thrivent Choice
 Dollars**
 Today!



Thrivent Choice Deposit to Hope: \$1,022.00
 Hope's Thrivent Financial members directing Choice Dollars:

Kathy Gustavison	Don Shell
Ken Gustavison	Paul Siems
Ken Newberry	Jason Wagner
Jeff Oschwald	Mike Welge
John Pogue	Sheri Welge
Don Roth	Dave Westphal

If you are a Thrivent member, direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to you favorite ministry, inc. Hope Lutheran. Go to your Thrivent account today to direct your dollars.

**Thrivent Choice Deposits for 2025—\$4,491
 Thank-You Thrivent Financial Members!**



Grass cutting season 2026 is coming soon! **The Lawn and Landscaping Guild is looking for helpers to cut grass and trim weeds.** With sufficient help, every one would only need to cut or trim a handful of times throughout the mowing season.

If you are interested, call Steve Thomas at (314) 365-1026 or email steve1887@yahoo.com.

Shut-in Card Ministry

There are Easter cards available for our Shut-ins in the Friendship Room. Please take the time to let our Shut-ins know that you are thinking of them at Easter!

Questions, please contact Gloria High at (636) 343-8487.



Life Thought in the Church Year

When Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, he gave up, washed his hands, called himself innocent, and let the Innocent One, our Lord Jesus Christ, be taken away and crucified (Matthew 27:24-26). As the world around us continues to call for the death of the innocent, it may seem that we are gaining nothing, and we will be tempted to wash our hands and give up like Pilate did. But the Lord, in His mercy, has given you a tongue to speak that you may sustain with His Word those who are weary (Isaiah 50:4). God grant us the strength to speak up on behalf of the innocent ones and let "every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11)

The Bulletin Board

Hope Sunday School & HLECC Fun!

Stop and check out the Children's Ministry Board in the Friendship Room today! See all the excitement of our HLECC kids, staff and church members during Lutheran Schools Week in February.

Plus, our Sunday School family Minute-to-Win It game night was lots of fun too! Make time to stop and take a look!

Julie Wagner, Director of Children's Ministry

Just a reminder, Hope Lutheran can manage your giving online!



Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Giving online is easy, safe and secure, plus it allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. If you prefer to use your phone, you can download the VANCO app and search for Hope Lutheran Church—High Ridge, MO. Manage your giving online!

During the week, please take time to read the scriptures below, they will be the subject of next week's sermon, Sunday, April 5, 2026:

Acts 10:34–43 or Jeremiah 31:1–6

Colossians 3:1–4

Matthew 28:1–10

The Victory of Christ Crucified Is Given to You in the Preaching of His Resurrection

Every Sunday is the Lord's day, the day of His resurrection, "after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week" (Matt. 28:1). In the Divine Service, the Church enters upon the eternal "eighth day." The Lord Jesus, "who was crucified," who "has risen, as he said" (Matt. 28:5–6), is the firstborn from the dead and the firstfruits of the new creation. Because "you have died" with Him in Holy Baptism, "you have been raised with Christ" and "your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:1, 3). The Lord Jesus has become our God, as surely as He is "the God of all the clans of Israel," and we now belong to His people (Jer. 31:1). In this, He "shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34), but "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43). As "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power" and "raised him on the third day," He also raises us up and pours out His Spirit upon us through the Gospel (Acts 10:38, 40).