



*Jesus
on the
Loose*

Contemporary Service
April 15, 2018

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting"

Hope Lutheran Church
April 15, 2018
9:00 am



Welcome

Pastor Kristin

Gathering Song

My Lighthouse

Prayer of the Day / Confession & Forgiveness

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

People: **And also with you.**

Song

Oh, How I Need You



New Testament Reading

Acts 9:1-19a

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless

because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. (NRSV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message Pastor Kevin

Message On the Road Pastor Kevin

Response to the Message *Amazing Grace*

The Prayers of the People
 Each petition ends with *Risen Lord*, and the people respond **hear our prayer.**

Offering *I'll Fly Away*

Celebration of Communion and The Lord's Prayer

Communion will be received today by intinction: taking a wafer in your hand, please dip it into the chalice choosing either the wine or grape juice, consume it, and then you may return to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available—just let the pastor know if that's what you prefer.

Communion Song



Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song

Don't Worry, Be Happy

Pastor: As you go into the world, remember our mission!

Piano Side: Live out Servant Love

Pulpit Side: Show Hospitality

Piano Side: Extend Generosity

Pulpit Side: Worship the Risen Lord

Pastor: Go in peace, a living example of the love of Jesus Christ

All: Thanks be to God



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